



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE





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TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110

www.bedfordnh.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing,	472-8104
Planning and Zoning	472-5243
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration	472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates	472-3550
Finance and Personnel	472-9869
Parks and Recreation.....	472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer	472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk.....	472-3550
Town Manager's Office	472-5242

SAFETY COMPLEX

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110

www.bedfordnh.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector	472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line	472-3219
Police Department - Business Line	472-5113
FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE.....	911

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110

www.bedfordnhlibrary.org

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays.

Telephone	472-2300
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OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only)	472-7331
Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road.....	472-4563
Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm	
Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	
(Closed Sunday and Monday)	
BCTV – Channels 16, 22 & 23, 10 Meetinghouse Road.....	472-8288



ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

Jim Scanlon, Chairman2016
 Kelleigh Murphy, Vice Chairman2016
 Chris Bandazian2017
 Jim Aguiar2017
 Bill Duschatko2018
 John Schneller2018
 Melissa Stevens2018

TOWN CLERK

Lori Radke2017

MODERATOR

Brian Shaughnessy2016

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Joan McMahan, Chairperson2020
 Ellen Bostwick2016
 Susan Fahey2018

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ken Peterson, Chairman2018
 Jay Cadorette2016
 Larry Cheetham2017

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Edward Moran, Chairman2016
 Anthony Frederick2017
 Walter Gallo2018

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
GENERAL COURT

Bart Fromuth
 Linda Gould
 Dave Danielson
 Keith Murphy
 Ken Peterson
 Laurie Sanborn
 Terry Wolf

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager Steve Daly
 Acting Town Manager (June 2015) Rick Sawyer
 Executive Assistant Dawn Boufford
 Assessor William Ingalls
 Building Code Official Wayne Richardson
 Environmental Coordinator Steve Crean
 Finance Director/Tax Collector Crystal Dionne
 Finance Director/Tax Collector Theresa Young
 (September 2015)
 Police Chief John Bryfonski
 Fire Chief Scott Wiggin
 Library Director Mary Ann Senatro
 Planning Director Rick Sawyer
 Public Works Director Jim Stanford
 BCTV Station Manager Bill Jennings
 Town Treasurer Cyndi Livermore
 Recreation Manager Jane O'Brien

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor Maggie Hassan
 US Senators Kelly Ayotte
 Jeanne Shaheen
 US Representatives Ann Kuster
 Frank Guinta
 Executive Councilor Christopher C. Pappas
 State Senator Andy Sanborn



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

Jon Levenstein, Chairman.....	2018
Harold Newberry, Vice Chairman.....	2017
Karen McGinley, Secretary.....	2017
Philip Cote	2016
Bill Dermody	2017
Christopher Riley	2018
Charles Fairman, <i>Alternate</i>	2016
Alex Rohe, <i>Alternate</i>	2017
Mac McMahan, <i>Alternate</i>	2018
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works	
Chris Bandazian, Town Councilor	
Jim Scanlon, Town Councilor Alternate	
Rick Sawyer (Planning Director, Staff Liaison)	
Rebecca Hebert (Assistant Planning Director, Staff Liaison)	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Eric Bernard, Chairman	2017
John Morin, Vice Chairman	2017
Sharon Stirling	2016
Adrian Thomas,	2018
Terry Radke, <i>Alternate</i>	2016
Gigi Georges, <i>Alternate</i>	2017
Christopher Swiniarski, <i>Alternate</i>	2018
Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison)	
Kelleigh Murphy Town Councilor	
Bill Duschatko , Town Council Alternate	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Beth Evarts, Chairman	2018
Jim Aguiar, Vice Chairman	2016
Thomas Sauser	2017
James Drake	2018
Ken Peterson	2016
Sarah Thomas.....	2018
Michelle Salvatore, <i>Alternate</i>	2016
Lisa Kammer, <i>Alternate</i>	2017
Jonathan Benjamin, <i>Alternate</i>	2018
Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison)	
Philip Cote, (Planning Board Liaison)	
Jim Aguiar, Town Councilor	
Melissa Stevens, Town Council Alternate	

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Lori Radke, Chairman.....	2016
David Bailey	2018
Melinde Lutz Byrne, Secretary	2017

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Richard Polonsky, Chairman	2016
Janet Tamulevich, Vice Chairman.....	2017
Erin Fisher.....	2016
Janet Tamulevich.....	2017
Judy Perry	2018
Courtney Gray, <i>Alternate</i>	2016
Jeff Oxman, <i>Alternate</i>	2018
Rebecca Hebert (Assistant Planning Director, Staff Liaison)	
Karin Elmer (Planner I, Staff Liaison)	
Charles Fairman (Planning Board Liaison)	2016
Bill Duschatko, Town Councilor	
John Schneller, Town Councilor Alternate	

PARKS AND RECREATION

Michelle Casale, Chairman	2016
Dennis Tokac, Vice Chairman.....	2017
Diane Phelps	2018
Dave Gilbert.....	2018
Dianne Kashiwabara, <i>Alternate</i>	2016
Shaun Oparowski, <i>Alternate</i>	2017
Jane O'Brien, Recreation Manager	
Kelleigh Murphy, Town Councilor	
John Schneller, Town Councilor Alternate	

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Richard Rawlings, Chairman	2016
Bill Greiner, Vice Chairman	2017
Barbara Jago.....	2016
Robert Thomas.....	2016
Mike Sills	2016
David Watson.....	2017
Peter Macdonald	2018
Bill Foote, School Board Liaison	
Bill Jennings, Station Manager	
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager	
Jim Aguiar, Town Councilor	
Chris Bandazian, Council Alternate	

WBNH-LPFM

Bob Thomas, Chairman	2018
David Gilbert, Vice Chairman	2017
Richard Barr.....	2016
Jay Taft.....	2017
Lawrence Cheetham.....	2017
Jim Jenkins	2018
Scott Winslow	2018
Bill Foote, School Board Liaison	
Harry Koslowski, Station Manager	
Chris Bandazian, Town Councilor	

**HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Police Chief John Bryfonski, Chairman

Fire Chief Scott Wiggin

Madonna Lovett Repeta 2017

Bill Jean 2018

Gerry Gagne, *Alternate* 2018Paul Hannan, *Alternate* 2016

Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works

Anne Wiggin, School Department

Jim Scanlon, Town Councilor

Jim Aguiar, Town Councilor Alternate

WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Arnold, Chairman..... 2017

Bruce Thomas 2016

Mike Sills 2017

Richard Moore 2018

Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator

Rick Sawyer, Planning Director

Bill Duschatko, Town Councilor

Kelleigh Murphy, Town Councilor Alternate

ENERGY COMMISSION

Robert Grogan, Chair..... 2016

Sanyukta Bansal..... 2016

Andrew Gillis..... 2016

Shana Potvin 2017

Bill Foote 2018

Kevin Flynn 2018

Chris Bandazian, Town Councilor

Melissa Stevens, Town Councilor Alternate



TOWN OF BEDFORD
BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING
March 11, 2015

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Bedford High School auditorium. Moderator Brian Shaughnessy opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on the stage were: Chris Bandazian (Chairman), Bill Jean (Vice Chairman), Steve Daly – Town Manager, Crystal Dionne – Finance Director, Lori Radke – Town Clerk, and Councilors Bill Dermody, Norm Longval, Jim Scanlon, Mac McMahan and Kelleigh Domaingue.

Moderator Shaughnessy explained they would be talking about two articles that they would be voting on: Article 5. Collective bargaining agreement – Public Works Department and Article 6. Town operating budget. He's going to have the articles moved and after being seconded, he will open it up for public discussion.

Moderator Shaughnessy introduced those seated on the stage. He invited Council Chairman Chris Bandazian to come to the microphone to make some presentations.

Chairman Bandazian recognized the three outgoing Councilors: Mac McMahan, Bill Jean, and Norm Longval. Councilors McMahan and Bill Jean each received framed certificates for their 3 years on the Council and Councilor Longval received a plaque for his 9 years on the Council. Councilor Longval thanked the voters for electing him as a Town Councilor for 3 terms and hoped he had served the Town well.

Moderator Shaughnessy invited Council Vice Chairman Bill Jean to come to the microphone to make a presentation. He recognized outgoing Council Chairman Chris Bandazian and presented him with a small plaque.

Moderator Shaughnessy explained that the colored card that each voter received designates them as a registered voter. When a vote is taken they will raise the yellow card.

Moderator Shaughnessy recognized all of the people that made the Budgetary Town Meeting possible including Town Clerk Lori Radke, Supervisors of the Checklist Joan McMahan, Sue Fahey and Ellen Bostwick, Assistant Moderator Bill Kline and Brian Harjula. He mentioned Tuesday's Election and thanked everyone who ran for Town Council. The three Councilors elect are Melissa Stevens, Bill Duschatko and John Schneller. He pointed out that only 8 votes separated John Schneller and the 4th candidate Frank Sledjeski and a recount will take place on Monday at Old Town Hall at 9:00 am. The public is welcome.

Moderator Shaughnessy asked for a motion on Article 5.

MOTION by Council Chairman Chris Bandazian to approve Article 5 to see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Council and the Bedford Public Works Union, Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase
2015	– \$46,778
2016	– \$47,815
2017	– \$49,799

Chairman Bandazian explained that when a town obligates itself to a collective bargaining agreement over a multiple period of years, it must receive the approval of the legislative body, which is the voting public.

Seconded by Town Councilor Bill Jean.

There was no public comment.

Vote taken on the motion to approve Article 5. Motion Passed. Article 5 was approved.

Moderator Shaughnessy asked for a motion on Article 6.

MOTION by Chairman Bandazian that they approve



Article 6 the Town Operating Budget to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$24,959,684
Special Revenue Funds	38,000
Police Special Detail	402,725
Recreation Day Camp	95,225
Bedford Comm. TV	561,075
Sewer Fund	247,872
Total Appropriations	\$27,304,581

2015 TOWN POPULATION AND TAX RATE INFORMATION

POPULATION – 21,496 (based on 2010 census)
2015 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,230,015,614

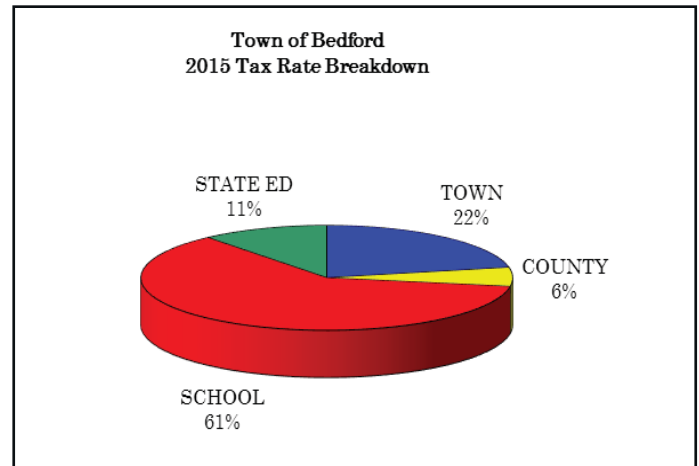
TOWN	\$5.02
COUNTY	\$1.40
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	\$13.79
STATE EDUCATION TAX	\$2.55
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	\$22.76

Seconded by Town Councilor Bill Jean.

There was no public comment.

Vote taken on the motion to approve Article 6, Town Operating Budget, for \$27,304,581. Motion Passed. Article 6 was approved.

MOTION by Ken Hawkins to adjourn at 7:18pm. Motion was seconded. Vote taken – Motion Passed.



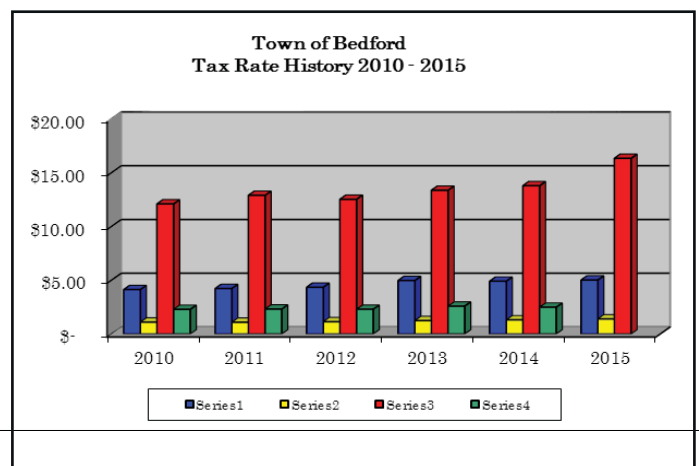
Submitted by:

Dawn Boufford, Executive Assistant
Lori Radke, Town Clerk

Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2014 Tax Rate

TOWN	2.20%
COUNTY	6.90%
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	0%
STATE EDUCATION TAX	2.40%

COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE 1.15%






**ABSENTEE
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BALLOT 1 OF 3

L. Radke
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: 
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICES

<p>TOWN COUNCIL</p> <div>Vote for not For Three Years more than three (3)</div> <hr/> <div>MELISSA STEVENS 2008</div> <hr/> <div>BILL DUSCHATKO 1713</div> <hr/> <div>JOHN SCHNELLER 1209</div> <hr/> <div>FRANK SLEDJESKI 1201</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <div>Vote for not For Three Years more than one (1)</div> <hr/> <div>WALTER GALLO 2182</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <div>Vote for not For Three Years more than one (1)</div> <hr/> <div>KEN PETERSON 2148</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div>
		<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <div>Vote for not For Two Years more than one (1)</div> <hr/> <div>LAWRENCE CHEETHAM 1974</div> <hr/> <div>(Write-in)</div>

ARTICLE 2: ZONING AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-73 Signs, General Provisions by adding the following new paragraphs A & B, and renumbering existing paragraphs A-Q as needed.

A. Purposes

- (1) Encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication;
- (2) Prevent hazards to vehicular and pedestrian safety by regulating the type, number, location, size and illumination of signs;
- (3) Protect the public from hazardous and distracting displays;
- (4) Maintain and enhance the aesthetic character and scenic quality of the Town's residential and commercial neighborhoods and limit visual clutter along corridors;
- (5) Minimize potential adverse effects of signs on nearby public and private property;
- (6) Support businesses and community vitality by informing the public of goods, services and activities; and
- (7) Enable fair and consistent enforcement of the sign regulations.

B. Conditional Use Permit

- (1) The Planning Board may grant a Conditional Use Permit to modify the requirements of Article IX-Signs, provided the Planning Board finds that all of the following criteria are met:
 - (a) The modification complies with the Purposes of the sign regulations as noted in Article 275-73 A;
 - (b) The applicant's particular situation, taking into account the overall site plan, including, but not limited to, the use on the property, existing signs, and visibility of the businesses, justifies a modification to the requirements;
 - (c) The site is suitable for the proposed modifications;



ARTICLE 2: ZONING AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONTINUED

- (d) The modification will not alter the essential character of the locality;
 - (e) The modifications will complement the design of the building or site where the sign is located;
 - (f) The modification will not materially impair traffic or pedestrian safety;
 - (g) The aesthetic character of the site and the surrounding area **will not** be adversely affected; and
 - (h) The modification will be consistent with the spirit and **intent of the Zoning Ordinance** and Town of Bedford Master Plan.
- (2) An application for a Conditional Use Permit shall **provide adequate** documentation in order for the Planning Board to make a finding that the modification **meets the** criteria listed above. The Planning Board may, in its discretion, decline to grant a Conditional Use Permit, if the Board determines such permit is not justified or warranted.
- (3) This Section shall not apply to signs in **the Performance Zone**, under Article 275-68 and that are subject to the waiver provisions in Article 275-56.
- (4) This provision is adopted as an **innovative land use control** pursuant to RSA 674:21 and the Planning Board is vested with the **sole authority to administer** and grant the Conditional Use Permit. Any decision made by the Planning Board under this innovative land use control ordinance may be appealed directly to **Superior Court** in the same manner provided by statute for appeals from the Planning Board, as set forth in RSA 676:5 III and RSA 677:15.

2262
YES ☒
NO ☐
368

[This amendment is intended to allow the Planning Board to grant relief to the signage ordinance provided the Conditional Use Criteria are met. Currently the Zoning Board of Adjustment grants relief to the signage ordinance through the variance process.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-6 Definitions by adding the words in bold:

"Structure" – A combination of materials for occupancy or use, such as a building, bridge, trestle, tower, framework, an above ground tank or group of tanks exceeding 500 gallons, tunnel, tent, stadium, platform, shelter, pier, wharf, bin, sign, fences and retaining walls over six feet (6') in height, swimming pools, sports courts **with fences over six feet (6') in height**, or the like.

2065
YES ☒
NO ☐
554

[This amendment is intended to allow sports courts with fences six feet (6') in height or less, or no fence to be exempt from the minimum structure setback requirements.]

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article 275-21 Use Regulations, Table 2, by adding Footnote 32 to the permitted use "Retail Sales Establishments" within the Performance Zone with the following language:

1552
YES ☒

Excluding the sale of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles, trailers, tractors, commercial construction equipment, mobile homes, camping vehicles, and similar types of vehicles.

NO ☐
1042

To amend Article 275-61 Performance Zone Permitted Uses, by adding the words shown in bold to Subsection E, as follows:

Retail, wholesale and rental trades, commercial service, and repair facilities, **subject to Footnote 32 in Table 2, Table of Uses.**

[This amendment is intended to restrict the establishment of additional automobile and other dealerships within the Performance Zone.]

ARTICLE 3: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #1

§ C3-15 Inquiries and investigations.

PROPOSED TEXT (*changes bolded*)

By an affirmative vote of five councilors, the Council may make investigation into the affairs of the Town and into the conduct of any Town agency or department and for this purpose may administer oaths and require the production of evidence.

1364
YES ☒
NO ☐
1196

PURPOSE: *This Amendment requires an affirmative vote of 5 councilors, rather than a simple majority vote, to initiate investigations as set forth in the section.*



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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLE 3: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #2

§ C5-4 Final date for budget adoption.

PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)

The budget shall be brought before the Town Meeting **in March, on a date fixed by the Council.**

§ C9-2 Annual Budgetary Town Meeting.

PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)

Each year on a date in March fixed by the Council, the Council shall summon the voters of the Town to hear reports of the previous year's activities and of proposals for the current year and to vote on the Town budget for the coming year.

2391
YES ☒
NO ☐
211

PURPOSE: This Amendment reflects current state law and affects both Charter sections.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #3

§ C5-12 Purchasing procedure.

PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)

- A. **Definition.** The acquisition of any and all equipment, materials, supplies and services using funds of the Town or in the fiduciary custody of the Town shall be deemed "Public Procurements".
- B. **Procurement Policy.** The Council shall adopt a Procurement Policy which shall establish purchasing and contracting procedures that shall apply to all departments. The policy shall ensure prudent use of Town resources, foster fair competition among providers and encourage cooperative purchasing among departments and with other governmental entities.
- C. **Purchasing Agent.** The Town Manager shall be the purchasing agent of the Town and shall ensure compliance with the Procurement Policy adopted by the Council. He or his designee shall approve all procurements, purchase orders and contracts in a manner consistent with the Policy.
- D. **Policy Waivers.** The Council may, by affirmative vote of five (5) of its members, waive any requirements of the Procurement Policy it deems appropriate to special circumstances, provided it publicly states and documents the circumstances warranting waiver and its reasons therefore.

2085
YES ☒
NO ☐
452

PURPOSE: This Amendment instructs the council to establish a procurement policy within the parameters set out in this section rather than specifying the details of a procedure in the charter. It affords the Council flexibility to adapt to contemporary practices and waive policy via a super-majority vote when warranted. It also designates the Town Manager as purchasing and contracting agent for the Town.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #4

§ C6-3 Compensation.

PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)

- A. Elected and appointed officials and ~~department heads~~. The compensation of all elected and appointed officials ~~and department heads~~ shall be established and modified **by an affirmative vote of five councilors.**

2013
YES ☒
NO ☐
561

PURPOSE: This Amendment provides for an affirmative vote of 5 councilors to set or modify compensation of elected and appointed officials and removes department head compensation from council authority, placing it under authority of the town manager as with all other town employees.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #5

§ C7-2 Conflicts of interest.

PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)

Editor's Note: See Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Conflicts of Interest.

- C. **Any conflict recognized under New Hampshire state law is deemed a conflict under this section.**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Amendment is to add a provision making any conflict of interest under State law a conflict of interest under the Charter.

2312
YES ☒
NO ☐
241

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #6

§ C7-4 Private use of Town property and personnel.

PROPOSED TEXT (changes bolded)

No elected or appointed officer or employee shall devote any Town property or labor to private use **except through an affirmative vote of five councilors, after a public hearing.**

2190
YES ☒
NO ☐
376

PURPOSE: This Amendment establishes a procedure for use of town property and/or labor and further requires the affirmative vote of five councilors.



ARTICLE 3: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #7

§ C8-6 Recall of officeholders.

PROPOSED TEXT (*changes bolded*)

Any individual elected official who has completed at least six months of his term of office or has more than six months of his term remaining may be recalled therefrom by the voters as follows:

- A. Two hundred fifty or more voters may file a request for a recall petition with the Town Clerk. This request shall include the name of the officer and the grounds for which the recall is sought, together with the signature and a legible name and address of each voter **as verified by the supervisors of the checklist.**
- B. The Town Clerk shall **certify** the names of the voters and promptly issue blank petitions for recall. Each petition shall be addressed to the Council, be dated, include the grounds for recall as stated in the request, the name of the voter to whom it is issued, the signature of the Town Clerk, and the Town Seal. The recall petitions bearing the signatures and legible names and addresses of at least 750 voters shall be returned to the Town Clerk within 20 days. The Town Clerk shall promptly certify the number of voters who signed the petitions.

YES ☒ 2259
NO ☐ 202

PURPOSE: *This Amendment correctly states the process currently in effect for the recall of officeholders.*

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #8

§ C11-1 Administrative committees.

PROPOSED TEXT (*changes bolded*)

C. Recreation Commission.

- (1) Membership. There shall be a Recreation Commission consisting of five members. The five appointed by the Town Council shall have terms of three years, such terms to be staggered.
- (2) Responsibilities **and Town Council representative.** The Recreation Commission shall make recommendations to the Town Council as to the acquisition, holding, and disposition of real and personal property pursuant to appropriations authorized by the Budgetary Town Meeting and may enter into any contract only with Council approval. It shall recommend to the Town Council all rules and regulations regarding the operation of recreation facilities. It shall recommend employment of full- or part-time employees to the Town Manager. **The Town Council shall appoint one of its members as a representative to the Recreation Commission annually at its first meeting. A Town Councilor alternate shall also be appointed.**
- (3) Terms of alternates. Two alternate members shall be appointed, each serving three-year terms, staggered.

YES ☒ 2233
NO ☐ 233

PURPOSE: *This Amendment reflects the current membership of the Recreation Commission.*

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #9

§ C11-1 Administrative committees.

PROPOSED TEXT (*changes bolded*)

D. Historic District Commission.

- (1) Membership. There shall be an Historic District Commission consisting of four members, appointed by the Town Council. These members shall have terms of three years, such terms to be staggered in a manner determined by the Council.
- (2) **Town Council Representative. The Town Council shall appoint one of its members as a representative to the Historic District Commission annually at its first meeting. A Town Councilor alternate shall also be appointed.**
- (3) Vacancies in office. The Council shall fill any vacancy for the period of the unexpired term.
- (4) Powers. The Historic District Commission shall have all the powers granted to historic district commissions by state law. *Editor's Note: See RSA 674:45 et seq.*
- (5) Terms of alternates. Three alternate members shall be appointed, each serving three-year terms, staggered.

YES ☒ 2222
NO ☐ 247

PURPOSE: *This Amendment reflects the current membership of the Historic District Commission.*



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L. Radke
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLE 3: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #10

The Town Council proposes to strike the charter provisions listed below, as they solely applied to town government in the year after the original adoption of the charter, and are therefore no longer applicable or timely.

- § C12-1 Continuation of government.
- § C12-2 Continuation and compensation of personnel.
- § C12-3 Transfer of records and property.
- § C12-4 Effect on obligations, taxes and other legal acts.
- § C12-5 Effective date and interim budget.
- § C12-6 Abolition of certain boards.
- § C12-7 Council, Town Clerk-Tax Collector, and Moderator.
- § C12-8 Expiration of terms of office of continued boards.
- § C12-9 First election.

2186
YES ☒
NO ☐
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ARTICLE 4-SUBMITTED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the NH House, the NH Senate President, the NH District One U.S. Congressman, and the two US Senators from New Hampshire.

Resolved, that the people of Bedford, NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the effects of unregulated spending to influence elections by corporate, labor and special interest groups.

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YES ☒
NO ☐
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Resolved, that the United States Constitution should be amended to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, labor unions or special interest organizations are endowed with first amendment rights in the area of political speech, and
2. The federal and state governments may regulate political contributions and spending made to influence elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the people of Bedford, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

2,756 Ballots Cast-17%

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING



2015 was a tumultuous year for Bedford with many dynamic changes throughout. It began with our weather – “snowmageddon”, a year we will not soon forget. We had extraordinary responses by Jim Stanford’s outstanding Department of Public Works keeping our streets plowed and safe. A huge round of applause and appreciation goes out to all of those who worked around the clock during those cold, winter months that began the year.

March elections saw appropriate updating amendments to our Town Charter, originally penned in 1988, and the approval of a 2015 Town budget of \$27,304,581. Also, the elections brought forth three new members to your Town Council and we bade farewell to some exceptional members of the previous Council. After nine years Norm Longval called it a day, and his energy, enthusiasm and dedication will be sorely missed. Both Bill Jean and “Mac” McMahan saw their terms expire and both decided not to seek reelection in order to focus more on work and individual creative interests. Their willingness to give of their time and expertise to help on the Council is greatly appreciated and we wished them well. They were succeeded by three new Councilors: Bill Duschatko, John Schneller and Melissa Stevens, who worked hard to hit the ground running and take on some large issues right from the start.

It was a year of big changes within the Town staff as well. After 13 years, our Director of Finance and Personnel and Taxation, Crystal Dionne left us to take a senior position with the new Primary Bank. We will be forever indebted to Crystal for her strong management abilities in spearheading our achievement of a AAA bond rating from Moody’s.

We remain the only community in NH to have that rating and it is a badge of fiscal honor. Happily, Theresa Young joined us as Finance Director after serving with Rockingham County in that capacity for over 20 years. Theresa proved to be an exceptional contributor from her first days of working with the Town of Bedford. Until Theresa joined us, for almost six months, Tammy Penny admirably filled the gap, day after day and night after night.

Steve Daly, our Town Manager for a little over a year, also left us to pursue other opportunities. We were fortunate that Rick Sawyer, our Planning Director, agreed to take the job as Acting Town Manager and has been in that position for eight months at this writing. His contributions and management style have been deeply appreciated by both the Council and Town staff.

As I said, it has been a year with many personnel changes; some good and some regretful. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention those employees who left us and their loss was greatly felt by all of us in Town who worked every day with them. Steve Crean and Paul Belanger retired from the DPW after 30+ years with the Town. Alan “Hank” Swiadras, also a long term employee in the DPW died suddenly. He was beloved by all for his kindness and his helpful attitude. Paula Tomlanson and Debra Zemaitis left us also. Paula chose to take a different position and Debra retired after 15 years of service. Debra helped residents submit their taxes as well as register their dogs and cars with top notch service and smiles. And Paula was our gracious and warm receptionist with eight years of service. We wish them both the best in the future. Nate Gagne joined us as IT Manager and has been a great help to department employees as well as Council members. He is extremely capable at trouble shooting the network problems as well as overseeing our new phone system. Our new IT Master Plan will provide a pathway to services for the town in the future.

A rear mirror look includes Council, staff and community members. We are in all respects a family and a tightly knit community. In 2015 we lost a wonderful lady and a strong community leader in Joan Reeves. Joan, a dedicated member of the



Bedford Historical Society, lost her battle with cancer. Together with Susan Tufts-Moore, she was in the forefront of the fund raising effort to restore the Stevens-Buswell School and turn it into the Bedford Community Center. She is missed by all of us.

We also sustained another tragic loss. William Blake Marston, a Navy seal who died in a parachute training accident in January 2015, grew up in Bedford and was very active in the Little League and a member of the Bedford Presbyterian Church, where his parents, Bill and Nancy, still remain very active. Blake is remembered by a memorial stone at the Veterans Memorial in the Bedford Village Common as well as having the Little League field named in his honor.

2015 Council Goals & Objectives

As many Councils have done annually, after the March elections, this Council convened for its Annual Retreat. It was held on two successive Saturdays from early morning to late in the afternoon. The Council reviews and establishes goals for the year and direct responsibility for the goals is assigned to individual Councilors and/or the Town Manager. 2015 saw excellent progress achieving those goals, a few of which are listed below:

- Hire a new Finance Director
- Review Fire/Rescue/Safety Substation Need
- LPFM Roll-out and operation
- Rte 101 widening project (with NHDOT)
- Complete Impact Fee Study
- Establish successful delivery of information technology
- Establish online payment system for tax and fee payments
- Create New Councilor Orientation Program

Infrastructure and Economic Development

In every community, it is the infrastructure improvements that underpin the core of all economic development. Subsequently, it is that economic development that funds the tax structure and helps to stabilize or lower property taxes for the homeowner. Thus, our major road improvements this year included: South River Road, Wallace Road, Old Bedford Road and Joppa Hill Road along with smaller roads as

well. They were widened or repaved, refinished, or resurfaced. The work on Wallace Road was inconvenient and challenging at times for residents, but is already quite beautiful and will be soon completed. The TIF District work (S. River Rd) also has made a big difference in traffic flow and convenience for all. There are still some sidewalks to be finished and some landscaping to be done in the spring, but we all are enjoying the benefit of this work. In addition to the road work, South River Road has seen some big changes. The Washington Place medical complex is up and running. The Wayfarer project continues on. The apartment buildings have been built, and Whole Foods will be opening soon. Macy's has been sold and the site is being prepped for a brand new multi-use project to be called Bedford Place at S. River Rd. including offices, retail shops, restaurants, and a movie theater, all within a park-like setting. In the Bedford Hills complex the pre-school is in operation and the 144 units of housing are being built. Another important project completed during 2015 was the new Primary Bank in the Harvest Market shopping plaza. The Bedford Grand Hotel at the Bedford Village Inn broke ground and construction is moving along. Also the Members Credit Union is nearing completion and the reconfiguring of the old Culligan warehouse to accommodate Millennium Running is also moving forward. In all respects, Bedford's development continues enthusiastically and dynamically and will substantially increase tax revenues!

Grants and Licenses

Each year the opportunity to apply for and receive both Federal and State grants continue to have a huge impact on our operating budget. Grants, when combined, can easily surpass the \$1 million mark and can greatly contribute to subsidizing the tax rate for individual homeowners. The Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Scott Wiggin was busy this past year and secured two grants: the large animal water rescue training (\$30,740) and a substantial FEMA Firefighter for total SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) replacement (\$214,600). A shout goes out to Ben Selleck for his strong work on both of these grants. The Fire Dept. adds to their impressive track record. Congratulations!



Chief John Bryfonski's Police Department also received a very prestigious grant from the US Dept. of Justice entitled COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) in the amount of \$250,000 over three years, thanks to Scott Plumer's efforts. This grant will do much to support the hiring of two additional SROs (School Resource Officers). Evidence shows that the SRO's presence in schools proves to be quite effective, giving students a positive role model and a trusted confidant.

Completing the grants awarded this year was the geothermal grant for the Library. This grant was awarded by the NH Public Utilities Commission. The Town Council approved the concept in 2014 and after much hard work by the Mary Anne Senatro, Library Director, DPW Dept, the Energy Commission and various grant writers and information-gatherers, the grant was secured in June 2015. The award is for \$387,842. These monies, coupled with money that had already been budgeted to repair the HVAC system, will allow the Town to install a closed loop geothermal system in the Library. It is expected to reduce heating costs by \$50,000 per year and has a 12-year payback as opposed to a 20-year for an oil based system.

After the infamous ice storm of December 2008, Bill Jennings, BCTV Station Manager, was tasked by the Town Council with finding a better way of getting emergency and safety information to all of Bedford. Thus began a seven year odyssey that actually took an act of Congress and the President of the United States that allowed Bedford's new low power FM radio station to become a reality. Bill pushed, pulled, climbed and drove his way through numerous hurdles and achieved a goal that eluded many in other communities. Finally, in October 2014 Bedford was awarded a low power FM radio construction permit. Harry Kozlowski, with extensive radio station experience, has been hired to be the manager. The radio station will be co-located with BCTV at 10 Meetinghouse Road. Its call letters are WBNH-LP, and can be found at 105.1 FM on your dial.

Reflections

It has been my honor to have served in Bedford as a Town Councilor and as Chair of the Council. My

thanks to all of the Councilors of this term: Vice Chair, Kelleigh Domaingue Murphy; Chris Bandazian, past Chair; Jim Aguiar; Bill Duschatko; John Schneller and Melissa Stevens. On a personal note I would like to acknowledge and thank Vice Chair, Kelleigh Murphy, for her help in accommodating my own set of special circumstances. That across-the-board support also came from Town Manager, Rick Sawyer, Executive Assistant, Dawn Boufford and every single Department Head, as well as numerous individuals within those departments. My gratitude will accompany my memories of each of you.

I encourage all present and future Councilors to remember the community is larger than self. Also, I encourage all members of the community to seek volunteer roles in service to your neighbors, friends and family. The gratification is the reward. I also encourage the Council to remember that not every goal is overt and tangible; some are purely ethereal and altruistic in public service. You, the community have changed my life and I am truly grateful for the opportunity I was given. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Scanlon, Chairman



The year 2015 proved to be another year marked with significant changes in personnel coupled with steady economic development and major infrastructure improvements. Steve Daly resigned his position as Town Manager in early June and I served as Acting Town Manager for the remainder of the year. The extended Acting Town Manager role came as a result of the Town Council identifying that before advertising the position they wanted to pursue eliminating the Manager's residency requirement which involves a Charter change that would need to be placed on the March 2016 ballot. I was honored that the Council had faith in me to serve in this role and I cannot thank the staff, and especially the Town's Executive Assistant, the Assistant Finance Director, the Assistant Planning Director, and all of the Department Heads for their dedication to their jobs and support for me which made for a truly successful year.

Continuing with the theme of change we had three new faces on the Town Council, along with a new Chair in 2015. We saw the resignation of Crystal Dionne, our long serving and highly respected Finance Director who left after growing the community into the highest possible financial position with an Aaa bond rating, and an excellent Capital Improvement Plan. We wish Crystal all the best in her new private sector career. 2015 saw retirement of two individuals within our Department of Public Works, Paul Belanger, Assistant Director/Highway Superintendent, Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator, as well as the sudden passing of Alan "Hank" Swiadras, Equipment Operator, who were all major and well respected members of our team. Other notable changes within the Town Office Building included retirement of Johnnie Pastore and Debra Zemaitis, and the res-

ignation of Paula Talmanson. Fortunately many of the positions were replaced through promotion of existing staff which eased the transition. After lengthy searches Teresa Young joined our team as Finance Director and Nate Gagne as Information Systems Manager (a position that had been vacated in 2014).

Despite all the changes within Public Works they completed an unprecedented amount of work in 2015 highlighted by the \$5 Million construction project along South River Road and the first phase of the recent \$30 Million Road Bond which focused on Wallace Road, Old Bedford Road, Joppa Hill Road, and the adjacent local roads. During 2015 the Town Council twice reviewed and decided not to move forward with the construction of a Safety Substation in the South River Road corridor. I expect that the Substation and the facility needs of all of our major departments will be important subjects for discussion in 2016.

2015 marked a milestone for the future widening of Route 101 when NH DOT held a public hearing on the proposed project and the official layout of the right of way was determined, making the project official. The Legislature and Governor were instrumental in providing additional funding to secure completion of the project in 2017 and 2018. Bedford has had a great history of major infrastructure improvements and the widening of Route 101 will hopefully finally eliminate our daily AM and PM congestion and allow for continued prosperity of our community.

Our commercial landscape continues to see positive changes and growth which was highlighted in 2015 with the demolition of the former Wayfarer Hotel and Conference Center and the construction of Whole Foods Market and The Provident Bank which are scheduled to open in early 2016. We eagerly await the housing and restaurant portions of the site to complete the project. By the close of the year the four apartment buildings at the Bedford Hill's site were completed bringing 144 new multifamily units to the market. The state of our economic outlook continues to be strong which is reflected in 135,000 square feet of commercial space being approved for construction during the year and the conceptual proposal to redevelop the Macy's site (which closed at the end of



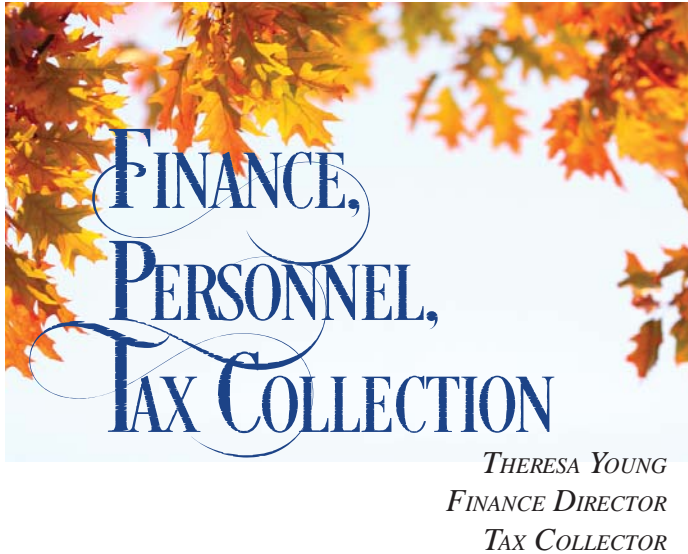
2015) into a mixed use development with a hotel, an office building, several restaurants, a movie theater, and retail space.

The general fund operating budget developed during the year for 2016 reflects about a \$1.4 million increase over the 2015 budget largely as a result of an increase of over \$900,000 in the debt service for the \$9M road bond previously approved by the voters, collective bargaining obligations, and programming and staffing changes. However, the tax rate is not expected to change as a result of increased revenue from development, car registrations, ambulance service, and through the one time use of \$500,000 of unassigned reserves.

Overall, this has been an exciting year and a year of change. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Bedford as your Acting Town Manager. I am always impressed by our employees desire to provide a positive experience for the citizens of Bedford when they come in contact with Bedford's town government, their non-stop willingness to deliver high quality services, and their support of each other as a team. Lastly I would like to thank the Town Council for their support and encouragement of all of our employees during the year which truly helps us accomplish everything outlined in the department reports in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sawyer, Acting Town Manager



Office of the Tax Collector

During the 2015 budget process the tax rate was expected to increase from \$4.91 to \$5.06 or \$.15. However, the Town portion of the tax rate only increased \$0.11, or 2.2% from \$4.91 to \$5.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The difference in the actual tax rate is a result of the change in valuations and excess revenues over budget realized in 2015, mainly in motor vehicle registrations, building permits and ambulance revenues. This mirrors the results of 2014.

It is important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to statutory interest charges of 12% APR on delinquencies and 18% APR on liens. Properties which remain delinquent after two years from the lien execution date are eligible to be deeded to the Town.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. In 2016, we will be expanding our online renewal process that is provided as a convenience to our residents. Currently, motor vehicle registrations can be renewed online by visiting the town's website and clicking the E-Reg license plate. Not only can residents complete straight renewals online, but they can also receive instant quotes for motor vehicle state and town fees.

By the summer of 2016, for a fee, the Town website will provide the ability to make online ACH, debit and credit card payments for Motor Vehicle registration, Dog licensing, Property Tax payments and Sewer bills. Credit and debit cards will be accepted for these same costs at the Town office.

For further information regarding tax collections and/or motor vehicle registrations, including frequently asked questions, please visit the Tax Collector/MV Reg page, listed under Town Offices on our website, www.bedfordnh.org

Finance and Personnel

The Finance Department prepared its 11th Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) during 2015 for the 2014 calendar year. This report continues to meet the strict reporting standards of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as such has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for each year of compilation, 2004 through 2014.

2015 was a year of turnover for this office as legacy staff retired, moved to other departments or moved on to other opportunities. Many thanks go out to all who moved on. Their contribution made a difference. Turnover has opened possibilities for the current staff. In 2016 the staff will have many opportunities to expand their experiences in new areas of Tax and Finance. It will be a year of training, cross-training and sharing experiences.

The Personnel side of the department, continues to face the challenges of the Affordable Care Act and staying current with issues related to time, attendance, pay and benefits. A new one year collective bargaining agreement was reached with the Fire Union at year end. After year end, and prior to the time of report printing, an agreement was also reached that will provide the Police union with an increase for 2016. That means that there will be ongoing negotiations starting up during 2016 for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Young



The following schedules are preliminary based upon the information available at the time of report printing. Final schedules may be obtained in the Town's CAFR once our financial audit is complete in the spring of 2016.

2015 Appropriations Budgeted

Town General Fund	\$24,959,684
Other Governments:	
Direct – Local School	52,694,073
Overlapping – County	4,534,136

2015 Revenues Budgeted:

Town General Fund	\$24,959,684
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Escrow Accounts Various Depositors

Balance January 1, 2015	\$1,456,157
Receipts/Deposits	281,669
Disbursements/Withdrawals	(267,347)
Interest Earned	139
Balance December 31, 2015	\$1,470,618

Tax Collector's Report - Unaudited

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

	2015	2014
Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2015:		
Property Taxes	-	1,853,939
Current Use	-	20,900
Yield Taxes	-	0
Sewer Rents	-	379,574
Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2014:		
Property Taxes (net)	72,920,906	-
Current Use	55,007	-
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	1,236,941	-
Overpayments:	8,924	-
Interest/Penalties on Delinquent Taxes:	159,875	-
Totals:	\$74,381,653	\$2,254,413
Collections During Fiscal Year 2015:		
Property Taxes	71,128,587	1,438,467
Current Use	-	-
Yield Taxes	-	504
Sewer Rents	745,123	379,574
Interest/Penalties	159,875	-
Liens Executed	-	415,471
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	-	-
Sewer	-	-
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2015:		
Property Taxes	1,801,243	-
Current Use	55,007	20,900
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	479,842	-
Totals:	\$74,381,653	\$2,254,413

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	2014	2013	2012	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
January 1, 2015		290,034	154,931	28,283
Liens Executed				
In 2015	415,471			
Collections During				
Fiscal Year 2015	155,389	165,815	96,715	
Deeds Executed				
Unredeemed Liens				
December 31, 2015	\$260,082	\$124,219	58,216	28,283



STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/15								
	Principal	Interest	Total			Principal	Interest	Total
1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance)					2014 South River Road TIF (issued August 2014)			
2016	110,000	2,062	112,062		2016	375,000	74,700	449,700
Total	\$ 110,000	\$ 2,062	\$ 112,062		2017	385,000	67,200	452,200
					2018	395,000	59,500	454,500
1999 Landfill Closure Bond (2013 refinance)					2019	405,000	51,600	456,600
2016	100,000	6,600	106,600		2020	415,000	43,500	458,500
2017	95,000	4,650	99,650		2021	425,000	35,200	460,200
2018	95,000	2,750	97,750		2022	435,000	26,700	461,700
2019	90,000	900	90,900		2023	445,000	18,000	463,000
Total	\$ 380,000	\$ 14,900	\$ 394,900		2024	455,000	9,100	464,100
					Total	\$ 3,735,000	\$ 385,500	4,120,500
2005 Road Reconstruction Bond (issued 2006)					2015 Infrastructure Bond (issued June 2015)			
2016	1,200,000	48,000	1,248,000		2,016	760,000	259,602	1,021,618
Total	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 1,248,000		2,017	810,000	206,800	1,018,817
					2,018	835,000	174,400	1,011,418
2011 Infrastructure Bond (issued October 2011)					2,019	860,000	149,350	1,011,369
2016	665,000	75,644	740,644		2,020	885,000	123,550	1,010,570
2017	665,000	62,344	727,344		2,021	915,000	97,000	1,014,021
2018	665,000	49,043	714,043		2,022	940,000	78,700	1,020,722
2019	665,000	35,744	700,744		2,023	970,000	59,900	1,031,923
2020	665,000	22,028	687,028		2,024	1,000,000	40,500	1,042,524
2021	665,000	7,481	672,481		2,025	1,025,000	20,500	1,047,525
Total	\$ 3,990,000	\$ 252,284	\$ 4,242,284		Total	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 1,210,302	\$ 10,210,302
2011 Infrastructure Bond (issued May 2013)					Grand Total Bonded Debt:			
						\$ 24,175,000	\$ 2,373,848	\$ 26,548,848
2016	720,000	108,000	828,000					
2017	720,000	93,600	813,600					
2018	720,000	79,200	799,200					
2019	720,000	64,800	784,800					
2020	720,000	50,400	770,400					
2021	720,000	36,000	756,000					
2022	720,000	21,600	741,600					
2023	720,000	7,200	727,200					
Total	\$ 5,760,000	\$ 460,800	6,220,800					



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council
Town of Bedford, New Hampshire

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Greenfield, MA
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Ellsworth, ME

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities,



each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis and Schedule of Funding Progress be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information appearing on pages 48 through 62 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The other information, such as the introductory and statistical sections, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Melanson Heath

July 27, 2015



TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2014

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 40,137,412	\$ 8,690,240	\$ 48,827,652
Investments	-	87,270	87,270
Receivables:			
Property taxes, net	2,264,485	-	2,264,485
Departmental and other	811,171	51,636	862,807
Intergovernmental	1,723	-	1,723
Due from other funds	202,107	-	202,107
Prepaid items	940,366	-	940,366
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 44,357,264	\$ 8,829,146	\$ 53,186,410
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,045,018	\$ 28,401	\$ 1,073,419
Tax refunds liability	64,149	-	64,149
Due to other funds	-	202,107	202,107
Due to other governments	24,806,731	96,780	24,903,511
Other liabilities	300	-	300
TOTAL LIABILITIES	25,916,198	327,288	26,243,486
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,604,324	-	1,604,324
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	50,766	25,255	76,021
Restricted	-	8,476,603	8,476,603
Committed	3,749,289	-	3,749,289
Assigned	1,962,914	-	1,962,914
Unassigned	11,073,773	-	11,073,773
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	16,836,742	8,501,858	25,338,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 44,357,264	\$ 8,829,146	\$ 53,186,410

See notes to financial statements.



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December 31, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey R. Enos".

Executive Director/CEO



In accordance with RSA 674:21(l), the following report is being provided for both the Town's recreation and school impact fees collected under the provisions of Town ordinance Section 275-20. A full detailed report of individual impact fees assessed and collected is available upon request.

School Impact Fees:

Balance as of January 1, 2015	\$178,735.79
2015 Net Fees Billed	378,432.00
2015 Interest Earned	20.59
2015 Transfers Out (1).....	(100,000.00)

Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$457,188.55
Accounts Uncollected at 12/31/14.....	(30,600.00)

Bank Balance at December 31, 2015 \$426,588.55

Recreation Impact Fees:

Balance as of January 1, 2015	\$220,181.94
2015 Net Fees Billed	135,964.00
2015 Interest Earned	25.03

Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$356,170.97
Accounts Uncollected at 12/31/15.....	(5,864.00)

Bank Balance at December 31, 2015 \$350,306.97

Notes: (1) Transfers of School Impact fees have been used for the purpose of paying the high/middle school bond principal according to the Bedford School District.



Also, during 2014, we acquired easements and the Town Council approved final design and road layout as well as authorized eminent domain to acquire the remaining property for this layout. Utility companies began relocating poles and lines. Severino Trucking Company, Inc. was awarded the construction contract and began work on Colby Court.

During 2015 the South River Road TIF District saw the start of construction of Whole Foods Supermarket and Provident Bank at the Goffe Mill Plaza (former Wayfarer Inn & Conference Center) and both buildings are expected to be occupied in early 2016, however only site work for the two restaurants, fitness center, and 73 market rate apartments that are part of the project were initiated by year's end. Work on the replacement of the former Stop & Shop with Hannaford's also started in 2015 and will be completed in spring of 2016. A conceptual plan for the replacement of Macy's, which closed in 2015, was reviewed by the Planning Board and is expected to seek final approval and begin construction in 2016. The project includes a hotel, an office building, several restaurants, a movie theater, and significant retail space into an upscale 359,400 square foot lifestyle center.

Also during 2014, the reconstruction of South River Road was substantially completed with additional traffic lanes, drainage improvements, upgraded traffic signals, curbing and sidewalks. In addition to the major road improvements, a new access road connecting Washington Place traffic signal to Beaudoin Street was completed to asphalt binder. The final wearing course of asphalt along South River Road was delayed until 2016 while we allow for utility extensions as part of the Macy's site redevelopment.

South River Road TIF District			
General Information:			
Date of Declaration:	12/15/2010		
Base (OTV) Year:	2010		
Duration:	Until Debt Paid (maximum 30 years or 2/1/2041)		
Date of Initial Indebtedness:	n/a		
First Year of Increment Retained:	2012		
	TIF	Town	% of Town
Acres	183	19,174	0.96%
Parcels	99	8,161	1.21%
Base Taxable Value (OTV)	112,500,800	3,355,937,627	3.352%

Value, Revenue Generation and Distribution:				
	2012	2013	2014	2015
TIF District Taxable Value:	\$ 118,179,300	123,856,200	128,562,500	124,918,200
Total Incremental Valuation Generated:	5,678,500	11,355,400	16,061,700	12,417,400
Tax Rate for Ensuing Year:	\$ 20.32	\$ 22.17	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.76
Total Incremental Tax Revenue:	\$ 115,387	\$ 251,749	\$ 361,388	\$ 282,620
Debt Service:		Principal	Interest	Total to Date
GF Infra Bond Reallocated \$900k		900,000	90,900	990,900
GO Bond Issued 8/27/14 - 1.59%		4,100,000	465,678	4,565,678
Balance of Available Funds:	2012	2013 *	2014	2015
Revenues				
Existing Developer Fair Share Funds	\$ 96,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fair Share Collections During FY	-	63,125	-	-
Developer TIF Payments	-	112,000	(112,000)	170,710
Incremental Tax Revenue (from above)	115,387	251,749	361,388	282,620
Bond Proceeds	-	-	4,100,000	-
Bond Premium - Net	-	-	88,415	-
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	1,024,840	-
Interest Earnings	-	39	163	356
Subtotal District Revenues	\$ 212,168	\$ 426,913	\$ 5,462,806	\$ 453,686
Expenses				
Surveying/Inspection/Engineering	20,625	113,656	529,257	177,830
Construction	-	-	718,060	2,376,518
Other District Expenses	-	-	80,643	145,700
Debt Service Principal	-	-	90,000	455,000
Debt Service Interest	-	-	18,000	95,478
Subtotal District Expenses	\$ 20,625	\$ 113,656	\$ 1,435,960	\$ 3,250,526
Balance of Funds as of 12/31:	\$ 191,543	\$ 504,800	\$ 4,531,646	\$ 1,734,806
<i>* adjusted balance</i>				

* \$900,000 reallocated from Road bond, \$96,340 from traffic signal capital reserve, \$28,500 from sewer for non-participating items.



KEN PETERSON, CHAIRMAN

JAY CADORETTE,

LAWRENCE CHEETHAM

We, the Trustees of the Trust Funds, offer these comments for the 2015 annual report:

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town or School District in anticipation of specific capital projects, and (2) Private Purpose Trust Funds, which have been created to support on-going projects such as scholarships, the library, and cemeteries. At the end of 2015 the Capital Reserve Funds made up the majority or 98.7% of the fund balances at \$4.90M, leaving \$64K or 1.3% attributable to the remaining Private Purpose Trust Funds.

The Trustees continued their efforts to professionalize the group, to ensure maximum transparency of the taxpayer's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) money, and to increase the return on investment (ROI). After interviews and the vetting of five (5) Wealth Management firms, the Trustees unanimously selected Citizens Private Bank & Trust as the investment advisors for the Town. Citizens has a long record of serving numerous municipalities in the State of NH, and their conservative investment philosophy melds well with that of your Trustees.

The CIP funds are invested in investment grade corporate bonds and Federally guaranteed investment vehicles. Citizens uses the CIPs of the Town and the School to determine the maturity dates of the investment vehicles and to ensure the required funds

by the Town and School are available during the year. The Private Trusts Funds are required by law to be invested more aggressively to maintain their purchasing power over the long term.

For several years the funds were earning approximately a 0.2% annual percentage yield (APY) due to being invested solely in a money market fund. Through the use of new investment vehicles the ROI has increased to an approximate APY of 1.2% or a five-fold increase. During 2016 the Trustees plan to improve their service to the Town by monitoring and evaluating the investment performance and continuing to improve the internal processes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Peterson, Chairman



Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for Year
Ending December 31, 2015

unaudited and estimated

Capital Reserve Funds
(Principal and Accrued Interest)

School Building Fund	9,504
School Building Maintenance	2,316
School Tuition	154,501
School District Land Fund	315,724
Conservation Commission	300,692
Town Office Restoration	75,100
Land Reserve	38,210
Commercial Reassessment	90,083
MS Open Licensing	24,069
Document Imaging	40,125
Safety Complex	36,480
Police Portable Radios	30,028
Police Communications Network	30,028
Police Communications Infrastructure ..	60,055
Police Weapon Replacement	15,014
Police Taser Replacement	12,500
Fire - Ambulance Replacement	121,037
Fire - SCBA/Equipment Rplc	60,390
Fire Engine Replacement	308,142
Fire - Ladder Truck Replacement	376,235
Rec - Vehicles/Equipment	15,135
Rec - Field Development & Repairs	69,153
Rec- Pool Building/Equip	41,436
Rec - Heavy Equipment	113,017
Library Septic System	46,598
Library Parking Lot Construction	60,246
Planning - Master Plan	123,580
Planning - Route 3 Improvements	10,643
Planning - Impact Fee Update	12,011

PW - Solid Waste Backhoe	77,575
PW - Transfer Station Improvements...	436,756
PW - Traffic Signal Improvements	5,000
PW - Pick Up Truck Reserve	40,309
PW - One-Ton Trucks	91,653
PW - All Purpose Tractor	32,532
PW - Front End Loader Replacement ..	171,273
PW - Loader/Backhoe Replacement	65,172
PW - Sweeper Replacement	25,387
PW - Roadside Mower	15,177
PW - Compressor Replacement	52,137
PW - Chipper	30,936
PW - Grader	244,434
Sidewalk/Pedestrian Reserve	26
Building Addition3	9,140
System Improvements - Sewer	641,691
Wastewater Capacity Reserve - Sewer.	221,256
BCTV Digital to HD	143

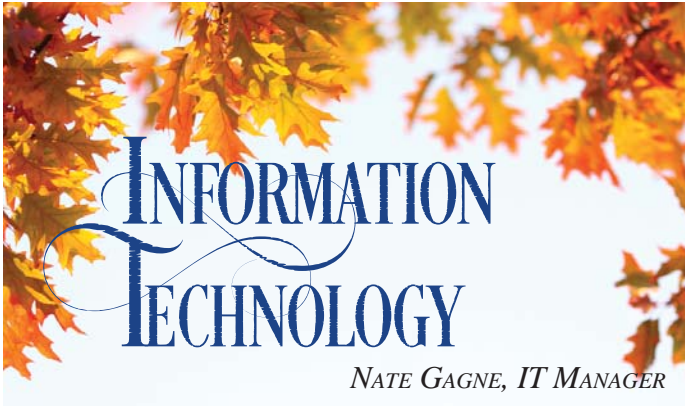
Total Capital Reserves **4,912,706**

Trust Funds

Principal	59,955
Accrued Interest	5,647
Total Trust Funds	65,602

Grand Total

Capital Reserve Funds	4,912,706
Trust Funds	65,602
Grand Total	4,978,308



Perhaps the most exciting change in 2015 was the June hiring of a new IT Systems Manager, Nate Gagne. Having worked with hundreds of public and private sector organizations in his career in the managed services field, Nate brings a wealth of IT knowledge and experience. That experience paid dividends almost immediately, when he identified and replaced the town's expensive and error-prone antivirus and backup systems with more reliable and easier to manage solutions that will save the town almost \$30,000 over the next three years. He also drafted the department's Master Plan, providing the department with long-term direction and guidance.

The work and projects undertaken by the IT department in 2015 strengthens the foundation used to deliver essential services to town employees and residents alike. With a solid roadmap in hand, the department looks forward to continued improvements in 2016 and beyond.

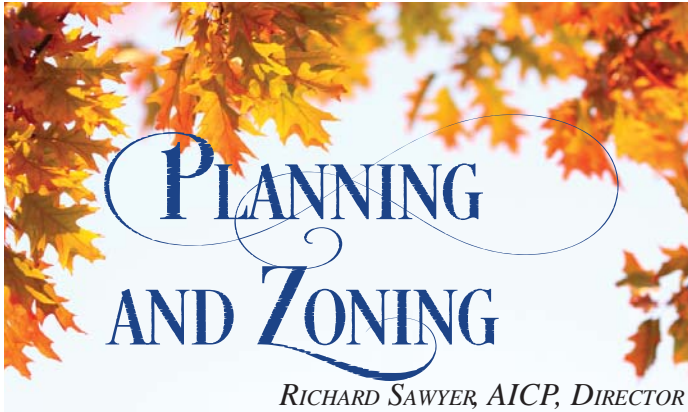
Information Technology (IT) is a critical asset essential for the day-to-day operations of every town department. Nearly all town employees rely on services delivered and/or supported by the IT department to perform their job. The department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and security of the town's network, servers, workstations, software applications, and telephone system.

2015 was a particularly busy and productive year for IT. The year began with the implementation of a perimeter threat defense system, adding another layer of security to the town's network. The largest project of the year - the installation of a town-wide modern Voice-over-IP phone system – was completed in the spring. The new system replaces an antiquated and failing system while expanding and greatly improving functionality, reliability, resiliency, and the town's ability to communicate internally and externally as well as saving funds. For example, rather than equipping every police officer with a mobile telephone, the new system allows officers to make and receive calls from the mobile data terminal installed in each cruiser. The fire department also uses the same capability on their tablets. As part of the phone system upgrade, the aging network infrastructure at the Safety Complex and Highway Garage was upgraded (the town offices are scheduled to be upgraded in 2016). As soon as additional infrastructure is upgraded in early 2016, for the first time ever, the town's business telephone system will have built-in redundancy to ensure the public can always communicate with its municipal employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Gagne, IT Manager

John Brufonski, Police Chief



The year 2015 continued the recent trend of significant commercial investment in the community with nearly 135,000 square feet of commercial space and 43 apartments being approved. The conceptual proposal to redevelop the now closed Macy's store into a mixed use development with a hotel, an office building, several restaurants, a movie theater, and significant retail space, highlights the strong activity this year we continue to see. Projects that were able to receive final approval and or start construction are outlined the Planning Board report. As can be seen in the adjoining table activity of the four major land use boards that we serve was generally down slightly or consistent with 2014 and the five year average which is not unexpected given the expansive growth we have seen over the last two years. The Planning Staff worked with the developers of the Bedford Hills Apartments, The Bedford Grand Hotel, Goffe Mill Plaza, Calamar Apartments, Members First Credit Union, Global Premier Soccer, and several others to see their projects break ground in 2015 and complete significant construction.

Towards the end of 2015 the Planning Staff in con-

junction with a subcommittee of the Planning Board initiated a review of the South River Road Performance District to evaluate its past effectiveness and make recommendations for modifications to the ordinance that will help to achieve the economic development goals of the Master Plan and encourage the highest and best use of the developed and underdeveloped land within the district. Initial recommendations were put forward for the 2016 March ballot with final proposals to be completed in 2016. We also assisted in the submission of grants for improvements to the Preserve and the Heritage Trail.

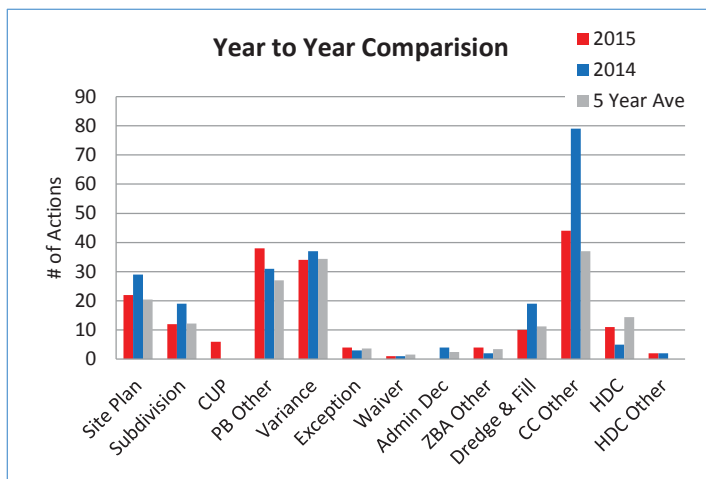
2015 was an important year in transportation planning for the community and the region as a whole with the State and the Town as a result of the Route 101 from Route 114 to Wallace Road project being fully approved and additional funding being provided. The State remains on schedule to complete the widening during 2017 and 2018 to bring much needed relief to the morning and evening congestion. The completion of the South River Road TIF District improvements has provided enhanced vehicular and pedestrian safety while providing increased levels of service for existing and anticipated traffic.

During 2015 the Planning Staff faced a unique challenge with Rick Sawyer, the Planning Director being named Acting Town Manager in early June and remained in that position for the rest of the year. Becky Hebert, Assistant Planning Director assumed the majority of the Planning Board responsibilities and Karin Elmer, Planner I took on Historic District Commission in to existing responsibly of Zoning Board and Conservation Commission. The help of all of the Planning Department staff this year was significant to the success of the Manager's Office and it could not have been done without them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Boards and Commissions who dedicate their time to making Bedford a great place to live and work. I would also like to thank the planning staff for their dedication and support; together the staff was responsible for assisting our land use boards and committees with approximately 50 public meetings and 140 applications this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sawyer, AICP, Director





The year 2015 continued to be a strong year for commercial investment with similar development activity as the previous year. Single-family residential growth remained limited with only 6 new lots being approved, however one multi-family project was approved that will bring 43 workforce housing apartments to the market. Several projects were approved in the South River Road Corridor and Performance Zone including final design of Provident Bank at the Wayfarer redevelopment site now known as the Goffe Mill Plaza, a new office building at 331 South River Road, and a 102,525 square foot climate controlled storage facility. Elsewhere in town, a site plan was approved for Members First Credit Union at 136 Bedford Center Road, a 6,680 square foot addition at New Morning School facility was approved, and the Board approved a 6,000 square foot veterinary clinic off on Route 101 just west of Wallace Road. Artificial turf fields were also approved at the Global Premier Soccer commercial recreational complex off of Camp Road. The Board reviewed a conceptual site plan for a 359,400 square foot mixed use development at the former Macy's site which had closed by year's end. The proposal included a cinema, restaurants, retail, medical office, structured parking and a hotel.

Several of the major site plans that were approved in 2014 began construction in 2015 and some of the newly approved site plans also broke ground this year. The most significant project was the Goffe Mill Plaza, which included the demolition of the former Wayfarer hotel and conference center and construction of Provident Bank, Whole Foods Supermarket, and the renovation of the historic John Goffe Mill and

trail system along Bowman Brook. Construction at the Bedford Hills site also continued throughout the year with the completion of three of the four apartment buildings and the Bedford Grand Hotel at BVI also began construction. Calamar started building Maple Ridge Estates, a 116 unit age restricted apartment building off of Technology Drive. Global Premier soccer completed construction of the artificial turf fields and New Morning School finished the construction of their building addition. Lastly, construction started for the new 22,568 square foot medical office building at 258-262 South River Road.

The Planning Board heard a total of 65 applications in 2015, many of which were site plans, site plan amendments, sign waivers, lot line adjustments, conditional use permits, or residential subdivisions. The Conditional Use Permit for signs is a new application type this year and the Board reviewed requests for five of them in 2015. The Planning Board also updated their fee schedule and adopted changes to the Land Development Control Regulations to update the school and recreation impact fees.

The Board also established the PZ Subcommittee with the objective of reviewing the Performance Zone to evaluate its past effectiveness and make recommendations to improve economic development along the South River Road corridor. The committee met 4 times in 2015 and recommended two zoning amendments for the for 2016 ballot. The first amendment proposes modifications to the PZ sign regulations and the second reduces the maximum required side and front setbacks for the district. The following Planning Board members serve on the committee: Bill Dermody, Phil Cote, Karen McGinley, Mac McMahan, and Chris Riley. It is anticipated their work will continue into 2016.

In 2015, the Board recommended three changes to the Zoning Ordinance which were all approved by the voters at the March town meeting:

1. To establish a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the Planning Board to grant relief to the signage ordinance provided that certain criteria are met.
2. To clarify that only sport courts with fences over six feet (6') are considered structures and must meet setback requirements.



3. To prohibit the establishment of new automobile dealerships within the Performance Zone.

Membership on the Board saw a few changes this year with Alternate member Melissa Stevens stepping down after being elected to the Town Council in March. The Planning Board welcomed Charlie Fairman, Mac McMahan, and Alex Rohe as new alternate members of the Board. Steve Daly (Town Manager) resigned in June and his position was unfilled for the remainder of the year.

In May, the Planning Board re-elected Jon Levenstein as Chairman, Hal Newbury as Vice-Chairman, and Karen McGinley as Secretary.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Planning Board who dedicate their time to attend the meetings, visit the sites, review the materials and keep up with changes in the laws; they provide a great service to the community and help to keep Bedford as a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Statistics for 2015: (65 applications):

- 15 Site Plans for a total of 134,292 square feet of new commercial space & 43 apartments
- 15 Site Plan Amendments
- 4 Residential subdivisions (creating 6 new building lots and 5 new single family residential condominium units)
- 2 Condominium subdivisions
- 6 Lot Line Adjustments
- 5 Conceptual Reviews
- 6 Performance Zone Sign Waiver Requests
- 5 Conditional Use Permits for Signs
- 1 Site Plan Applications for a School project for review and comment of a governmental land use
- 6 Other requests

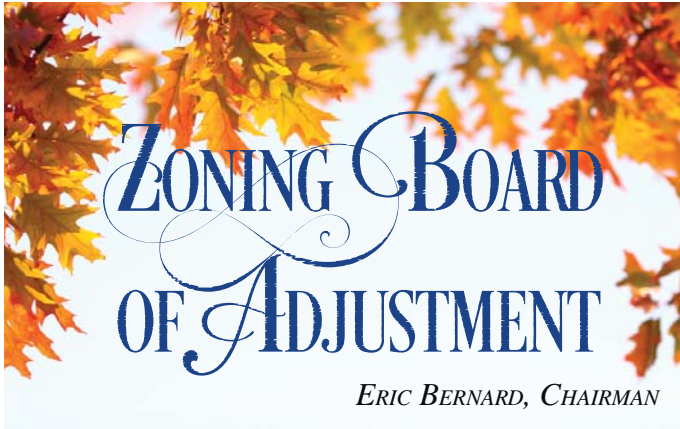
Major developments reviewed or approved included:

- Residential Subdivisions – 3 final subdivision approvals; two new lots on McAllister Road; one new lot on New Boston Road; and three new lots in the Charles Place cluster subdivision off of Hickory Lane.
- Members First Credit Union – Final site plan for a 2,572 square foot bank off of Route 101 & Bedford Center Road.

- Hampoian Heating & Cooling – Final site plan for the conversion of a 2,460 square feet residence to office space for a heating and cooling business off of South River Road.
- Meetinghouse Apartments – Final site plan for an apartment building with 43 workforce housing units on Kensington Lane.
- Hannaford's – Site plan amendment to replace the former Stop & Shop by modernizing the exterior of the building and adding a pharmacy drive-thru and grocery pick-up lane at 7 Kilton Road.
- Global Premier Soccer – Final site plan approval of an artificial turf field off of Camp Road converting it to a commercial facility.
- New Morning School – Final site plan approval of a 6,680 square foot addition and renovation of the existing school off of Back River Road.
- Bluebird Self-Storage – Final site plan approval of a 102,525 square foot, 3-story climate controlled self-storage facility off of South River Road.
- Komma Veterinary Clinic – Final site plan approval of a 6,000 square foot veterinary clinic and 1,500 square foot retail space on Route 101 just west of Wallace Road.
- 331 South River Road Office Building – Final site plan approval of a 9,655 square foot, 2-story office building off of South River Road.
- Bedford Place at South River Road (Encore) - Conceptual discussion of the proposed redevelopment of the former Macy's site for a 359,400 square foot mixed use development.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Levenstein, Chairman



Of the applications decided in 2015, 29 were approved in whole, or in part, 8 were denied or denied in part, and 3 were withdrawn.

Members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Adjustment is comprised of 5 regular members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council, and 3 alternate members with one member of the Town Council serving as an alternate member of the Board. Karin Elmer, Planner I, of the Planning Department, attends all ZBA meetings and provides background and other information to the Board.

Applications to request a Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing and the meeting schedule of the Board (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month) are available at the Town Offices and also are available online at the Town website, www.bedfordnh.org. Completed applications are due no later than 18 days prior to the desired hearing date. The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquiries regarding zoning questions and assists individuals with application procedures.

I would like to express my thanks to all of the members of the Town Council, my fellow Zoning Board members and members of the other boards that serve the Town of Bedford for volunteering their time and talent to improve our community. The Town would especially like to thank Eric Bernard who retired at the end of this year for his service to the community. Eric was a member of the Board for eight years including Chairman for the last 3 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Bernard, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducts hearings on applications for relief from land use regulations. The most common applications for relief are:

1. Variances from use or dimensional requirements;
2. Special Exceptions;
3. Equitable Waivers from dimensional requirements; and
4. Appeals from decisions of Administrative Officials.

Where there are unique or extenuating circumstances, the Board of Adjustment provides an avenue for relief from restrictions and for local resolution of land use issues. The Board of Adjustment can grant an application if the legal requirements for relief are met. The Board of Adjustment cannot grant relief, however, if it would be the equivalent of re-zoning or amending a zoning ordinance. After hearing evidence for and against an application, the Board of Adjustment deliberates and votes on all requests in public session.

In 2015, the Board of Adjustment heard 32 applications for variances, 3 applications for a special exception, 1 request for Equitable Waivers, and 3 requests for rehearing, with 1 rehearing. The majority of the applications filed in 2015 were for variances seeking relief from building and wetland setbacks, lot size and frontage requirements. The distribution of applications is reflective of the maturing status of development in Bedford.



TITLE LXIV
PLANNING AND ZONING - CHAPTER 674
LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND
REGULATORY POWERS
Regulation of Subdivision of Land
Section 674:39-aa

674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.

I. In this section:

- (a) “Involuntary merger” and “involuntarily merged” mean lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.
- (b) “Owner” means the person or entity that holds legal title to the lots in question, even if such person or entity did not hold legal title at the time of the involuntary merger.
- (c) “Voluntary merger” and “voluntarily merged” mean a merger under RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.

II. Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

(a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.

(b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.

III. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676.

IV. Any municipality may adopt local ordinances, including ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of this section, to restore previously merged properties that are less restrictive than the provisions in paragraph I and II.

V. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

VI. Municipalities shall post a notice informing residents that any involuntarily merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner’s request. Such notice shall be posted in a public place no later than January 1, 2012 and shall remain posted through December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

Source. 2011, 206:4, eff. July 24, 2011.



While at first glance it may seem that 2015 brought forth light activity for Dredge and Fill applications, a total of 8 in all, the resulting potential impact on the Town's natural resources was far from minimal. The Conservation Commission worked hard to adequately review each application, discussing alternative solutions in every case in order to understand that applicants worked to minimize overall potential impact to wetlands for each proposed project. The Conservation Commission put together recommendations for the Planning Board or Zoning Board to consider during their decision making process.

I would like to first and foremost thank Michelle Salvatore who served as the Conservation Commission Chair for the last 2 years, with additional years of service as a general member. Her conservation expertise, dedication and leadership have been the basis for success of the Conservation Commission in preserving and conserving open space land, wetlands and natural resources in the Town of Bedford. I would also like to thank past and present Conservation Commission members and Karin Elmer from the Town Office for all their hard work and ongoing support.

On behalf of the Conservation Commission, I also extend recognition and thanks to the Town Council, Town Planning Board and Town Zoning Board for their consideration of our recommendations and continued support. Lastly, I would like to thank the public, the Eagle Scout organization, the Bedford Land Trust, Valerie Emmons and BCTV for your ongoing involvement in the Conservation Commission through hours of outreach activities, administrative tasks and in helping us raise the awareness of our work.

2015 Commission Members included, Beth Evarts (Chair), Jim Aguiar (TC ex-officio/Vice Chair), James Drake, Ken Peterson, Thomas Sauser, Sarah Thomas, Jonathan Benjamin (Alternate), Philip Cote (Planning Board Rep.), Lisa Kammer (Alternate), Michelle Salvatore (Alternate), Melissa Stevens (Town Council Alternate).

8 Dredge and Fill applications (overall impact to wetlands):

- 9,241 sq. ft (red listed Beals Road Bridge reconstruction)
- 6,147 sq. ft. (road safety improvement for a portion of Joppa Hill Road)
- 5,338 sq. ft (reconstruction of Holbrook Road)
- 2,175 sq. ft. (reconstruction of Wallace Road from Merrimack Town Line to Route 101)
- 3,293 sq. ft. (driveway culvert)
- 2,825 sq. ft. (driveway culvert)
- 1,800 sq. ft. (driveway culvert)
- 485 sq. ft. (driveway culvert)

This resulted in 31,304 total square feet of potential wetlands impact, of which 22,901 related to road reconstruction/safety improvement projects and the Beals Road Bridge reconstruction project; leaving 8,403 square feet of potential wetlands impact from driveway culverts (new driveways/improvements).

In addition, 4 major projects were presented to the Conservation Commission for approval to build structures ranging from a new home to installing a shed, within the 50-foot wetlands setback.

The overall potential wetlands impact for temporary and permanent dredge and fill projects, combined with a continued increase for variances for projects inside of the 50-foot wetland setback has created a large base of discussion by the Conservation Commission



regarding standards, the balance of personal property projects, new development projects and, road/bridge improvements within the Town.

The Conservation Commission will enter 2016 with the task of continuing to balance the conservation, preservation and protection of Bedford's wetlands, open spaces and other natural resources, with the increase in property development and road improvements, in an effort to minimize overall impact to wetlands, which includes a stringent review of the 50-foot wetlands set back guideline.

Grants

We are excited to report that the hard work and tireless efforts of James Drake, Karin Elmer and Michelle Salvatore have resulted in the awards of both the Heritage Trail Grant and the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area Trail Grant.

The Heritage Trail Grant is an improvement project that seeks to rehabilitate and enhance portions of the trail along the Merrimack River. The awarded grant includes the construction of a new pedestrian bridge to span a depression/wet area along the trail that is prone to flooding during rain events, and trail enhancements and maintenance.

The Pulpit Rock Conservation Area Trail Improvements project aims to enhance trail access from several locations, along with the enhancement of Gage's Mill, the installation of a new pedestrian bridge over Pulpit Brook at the former mill site and trail grade improvements to increase accessibility to the trail at the Gage's Mill site. The grant also provides us the ability to fix erosion spots along the trail and smooth out walking surface portions of the trail for easier passage.

We look forward to starting both grant projects in 2016 and welcome any support and involvement from the public.

Eagle Scout Project

Colin Figler successfully completed his Eagle Scout project for the improvement of the Waterfowl Sanctuary Nature Trail. Colin led a team of scouts, family members and friends to selectively clear the trail of all overgrown vegetation and debris. In addition, Colin created a map of the trail and, last but certainly not least, constructed and installed a new trail sign marking the location of the Waterfowl Sanctuary Nature Trail. As a result of his efforts, Colin has helped the Conservation Commission create a standard for all future property signs. Be sure to visit the Waterfowl Sanctuary Trail located on Beach Street to help us celebrate the success of Colin's project.

Hockman Property and Pulpit Rock Clean-up Days

As a result of the monitoring activities carried out by the Bedford Land Trust, the Conservation Commission became aware that the Linda Hockman property, a preservation of habitat and wildlife, was facing a decline through temporary set up of tent cities and, unsanitary and bio-hazardous conditions. A successful environmental clean-up effort of this property took place bringing it back to its more natural state. In addition, signs were posted to deter camping, fires, and overnight stays. The Pulpit Rock clean-up day was also a success, through the removal of debris, trail clean-up and clearing/removing vandalism from the property. As a result of this clean-up effort Bill Codder joined the Pulpit Rock subcommittee to lend his training expertise from the UNH Cooperative Extension Coverts Project in forest and wildlife management – welcome!

2016 will prove to be an active year for the Conservation Commission with the kick off of both grants, additional clean-up efforts in the spring and hopefully, additional successful Eagle Scout projects. Please check the Town of Bedford website and local newspapers for more information about all of these efforts. As always, we welcome your involvement and look forward to a great year ahead of us.



Pulpit Rock Subcommittee Report

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission invites you to visit your wonderful conservation area. It is a great choice when you are looking for a hike that is close to home and that has more than 4 miles of moderate to difficult trails. If you are looking for an even longer hike, you can take the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area trails to connecting Amherst trails that lead back into Bedford farther south at Bedford's town-owned Joppa Hill Farm.

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. Subcommittee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Clark Gott, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, William Coder, Lisa Kammer, representative from the Conservation Commission and Anthony Clark. Activities of the subcommittee include, for example, our annual workday.

In 2015, the Bedford Land Trust (BLT) continued monitoring the property for infractions of the conservation easement. Thank you BLT!

Also in 2015 the Town was awarded a \$42,500 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for Pulpit Rock for a pedestrian bridge near the old mill site, including other miscellaneous trail upgrades.

Plans for the upcoming year also include a spring work day in late April or early May. Please check the Bedford newspapers in April for the date. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out at the Pulpit in past years on our annual workdays. We always welcome your help.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Evarts, Chairman



RICHARD POLONSKY, CHAIRMAN

The Historic District Commission administers Article VII of the Bedford Zoning Ordinance, and adopts and amends regulations for the administration of the Historic District. The Commission regularly reviews applications for property owners who want to make improvements within the Historic District, which includes Bedford Center Road, Church Road, Bell Hill Road, Chandler Road, and portions of North Amherst Road, Ministerial Road, Liberty Hill Road and Meetinghouse Road. Residential properties along Route 101 between Bedford Center Road and Wallace Road are also part of the Historic District.

The purpose of the Historic District is to ensure that new construction and significant building and property renovations are in keeping with the character of the District and preserve the Town's cultural, economic and architectural history. At the same time, the Historic District Commission strives to balance residents' concerns and protect the historic character of the Town center, keeping in mind that Commission decisions have an impact on property owners in the District. Throughout 2015, the Historic District Commission ensured that the District is not only a nice place to drive through, but is also a pleasant place to live.

The Historic District Commission met six times during 2015 for regularly scheduled meetings to review applications that included: improvements to municipal buildings, repairs to a church portico and a radio tower. Residential applications included the addition of a three season porch, removal of an old



shed, installation of new windows, construction of a new shed, addition of solar panels.

There has been ongoing discussion amongst commission members about the balance between the need for Commission review of all applications and planning staff approvals in adherence with the Historic District ordinance. There is concern that Commission approvals for every application add an unnecessary level of bureaucracy and delay to the process. In 2016, the Commission will be discussing where it is appropriate for it to review applications and when staff can make determinations in accordance with the regulations.

Members of the Commission include Janet Tamulevich (Vice-Chair), Judy Perry, Erin Fisher, Bill Duschatko (Town Council Representative), Charles Fairman (Planning Board Representative), Jeff Oxman, Courtney Gray, John Schneller (Town Council Alternate) and myself, Richard Polonsky (Chairman).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Polonsky

Historic District Commission Chairman



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission's staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission

conducts planning studies and carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

Services performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows. Hours listed represent work for the Town only; in projects involving multiple municipalities the total hours spent by SNHPC staff is higher. For example, 36 hours were spent by SNHPC staff working on the Planner's Brown Bag Roundtable Sessions for the 15 municipalities in the region; equally dividing the total hours results in 2.4 hours of benefits that can be attributed to the Town.

No.	Hours	Project Description
1.	160	Assisted Emergency Management Director and Department Heads in completing update to the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Bedford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015 serves as a strategic planning tool for use by the Town of Bedford in its efforts to reduce future losses from natural or man-made hazardous events before they occur;
2.	90	Conducted traffic counts at 35 locations, including 6 locations requested by the town, and forwarded traffic data to the town;
3.	80	Worked with town residents, volunteers and a solar installer to organize and implement Solar Up NH within the community. The program successfully helped 30 town residents obtain discount pricing for residential solar installations;
4.	14	Presented and assisted Planning Board in adopting "ReadySetGo!" Certified Site Program to promote economic growth and development in the community;
5.	13	Updated ITS Architecture for the Southern NH Planning Commission Region;
6.	12	Provided staff support to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council: led correspondence efforts, organized meetings, recorded minutes, and assisted in the search for grant opportunities;
7.	10	Provided monthly information to the Planning Board regarding upcoming meetings, project



No. Hours Project Description

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| | | and grant updates, webinars and other training opportunities through SNHPC'S quarterly Newsletters, monthly Media Blasts and periodic E-Bulletins; |
| 8. | 8 | Assisted the Town in monitoring progress on NHDOT Project 13953; |
| 9. | 6 | Updated interactive maps displaying traffic count locations and traffic volumes for the Town of Bedford. Maps are now available on the SNHPC.org website; |
| 10. | 5 | Provided technical assistance and facilitation with the Mutual Sharing Committee and establish a regional electric purchasing cooperative with several other municipalities and school districts in the SNHPC Region. The combined savings for the first year will be \$287,462, or 24.4 percent. In addition to the significant savings, the majority of participants will be using at least 20 percent green energy. |
| 11. | 4 | Represented the interests of the Town on the Region 8 Regional Coordinating Council for the Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services Project; |
| 12. | 3 | Participated on the NH BPTAC (Bike-Ped Transportation Advisory Committee) Counting Subcommittee, preparing a statewide counting plan and conducting the inaugural counts using shared automated counting equipment; |
| 13. | 2.6 | Provided an opportunity for all SNHPC communities to participate in a unique project that studies various aspects of complete streets along with the opportunity to participate in a corresponding pilot policy project to be completed in 2016; |
| 14. | 2.6 | Applied for and awarded a competitive US EPA funded Community Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant to be implemented in the region in 2016; |
| 15. | 2.4 | Our Planner's Brown Bag Roundtable Sessions provided multiple opportunities for community staff, volunteer commissioners, and other community stakeholders to come together and discuss "hot topics", participate in webinars, and attend multiple planning and land-use related events throughout the year |
| 16. | 2 | Provided staff assistance to Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC); |
| 17. | 2 | Organized and facilitated a Legislative Event for NH Legislators and local officials in the SNHPC region. This year's topic was Growing the High Tech Corridor. |
| 18. | 5 | Provided a training opportunity for planning staff and land-use board volunteer to improve plan reading and analysis skills through a Site Plan Review Workshop. |

Town of Bedford Representatives to the Commission

Karen McGinley - Chair

David J. Danielson

William Duschatko

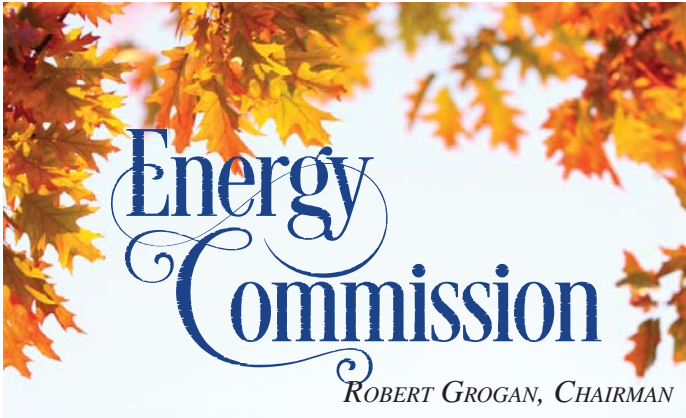
Barbara Salvatore, Alternate

Bill Jean, Alternate

Jason Carrier, Alternate

Executive Committee Member: Karen McGinley - Vice Chair





The Bedford Energy Commission (BEC) was created in 2009. BEC appointees were in place to begin their official activities on the effective date of the enabling legislation, making Bedford's Energy Commission the first in the State. BEC's mission is to facilitate energy efficiency, conservation, sustainability, reliability and affordability within the community, and to advance the achievement of these objectives for the benefit of the Town, School District, residents, local businesses, and civic institutions. The BEC has 7 regular members and 3 alternates, although there have been vacancies since its inception. The BEC meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the BCTV Meeting Room.

2015 marked the end of the terms of Brian Simler, Melinde Byrne, and Sanyukta Bansal on the BEC, as well as the final year as delegate to the Commission of Town Council Vice Chair Kelleigh Domaingue Murphy. All of our members are volunteers and their efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Adding new perspectives to the BEC in 2015 are members Kevin Flynn and Courtney Gray, as well as Town Council Alternate Melissa Stevens and School Committee Alternate Bill Foote. The commission continues to be well served with diverse backgrounds and interests and additional cross hatch from other town areas is helping bring a broader view to our efforts. It is also critical to recognize the concerted efforts of the DPW, Assessors office, and Town Council in engaging the BEC on their work as well as supporting our initiatives.

2015 was an exciting year for Bedford as a leader in regional and local town based energy efforts.

Bedford was one of three first round towns selected to participate in the initial SolarUP NH pilot. SolarUP is a community volunteer based effort designed to rapidly increase the installed base of residential and small business solar photovoltaic energy production. Led by volunteers Rob Grogan and Andrew Gillis, the town saw its contracted solar generation capacity more than double over the duration of the 4 month campaign kicking off in June and ending in September. Strong community volunteerism, support of the Town Council, and partnership with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Council, the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association, the Hillsborough County Area Renewable Energy Initiative, and SmartPower were key to the tremendous success of this program.

We also worked with the Bedford Department of Public Works to support a proposal to replace the aged and inefficient town library HVAC systems with a geothermal heating and cooling solution. Fine work by the DPW helped Bedford win significant grants toward funding this solution and enabling significant long term energy and cost savings for the town. Construction starts in spring of 2016.

We continued our push for recycling improvement by sponsoring education program and contests in the town schools. Members designed and helped construct an innovative solar powered/recycled equipment display at the town landfill to help highlight town energy efforts. Lastly, we were able to highlight and present certificates to several local businesses that are leaders in energy efficiency and recycling.

BEC outreach to the community has been very strong, with a presence at multiple town fairs, spots on BCTV, and a constant feed of great information through our Facebook page.



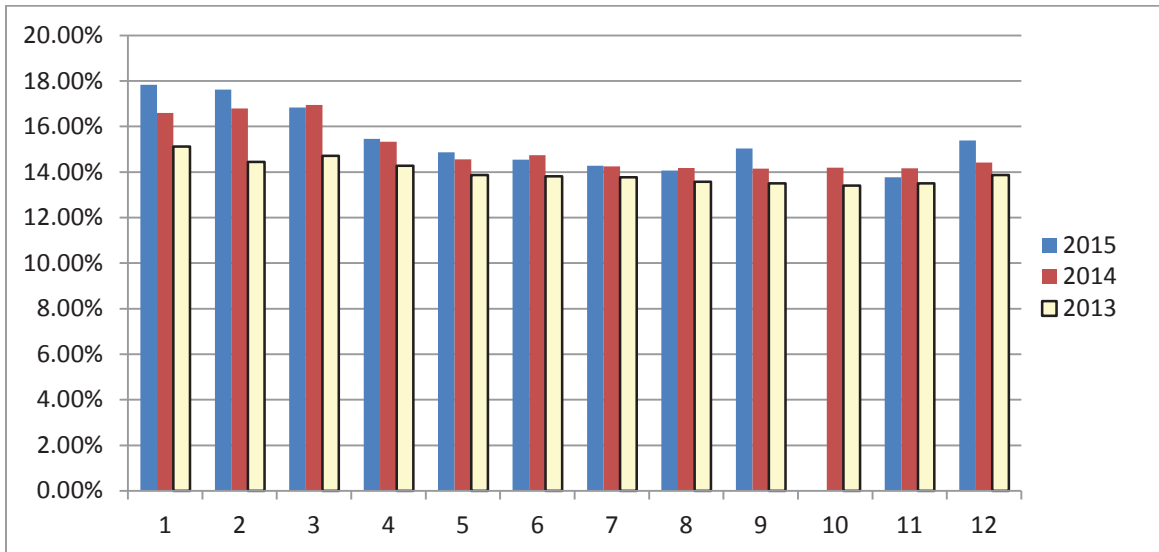
Our partnership with HAREI has continued to grow, with BEC member Andrew Gillis also serving as Vice President of that foundation. Numerous homeowners in Bedford (as well as surrounding communities) have benefitted from the “barn raising” style, members helping members, do it yourself solar installs, saving significant money for the homeowners.

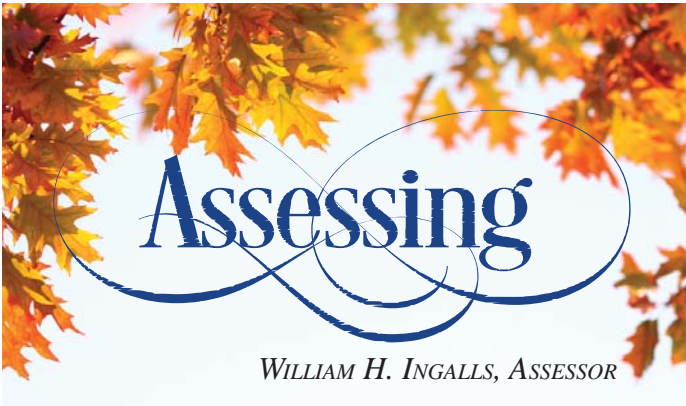
With my thanks to BEC members, through their efforts 2015 was a year of steady progress in which a number of long term objectives have started to come to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Grogan, Chairman

Final Year over Year Recycling Progress





Assessed value totals as of April 1, 2015 are as follows:

Residential.....	\$2,551,284,583
Comm/Ind	\$663,201,300
Utilities.....	\$41,544,500
Exempt	\$143,667,301
Total.....	\$3,399,697,684

When the 2015 assessed value totals are compared to 2014, it appears the overall value in Bedford increased \$39,082,780 or 1.16% over 2014. As this is the first year the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) gain in assessed value numbers are included in the total the increase looks almost double that from 2013 to 2014. If we add the 2014 TIF assessed value gains into the 2014 value totals, the overall % gain in assessed value is .68%. This is a larger increase than the \$18,313,269 (.55%) from 2013 to 2014, and it represents the second consecutive year of overall value increase in Bedford since the 2013 revaluation and continues to serve as a positive indicator of things to come over the next few years at least. This office anticipates this trend to continue, with moderate overall growth but growth nonetheless. Values that contributed toward the total valuation of Bedford include the following: construction finished in 2015 that began in 2014 or before, projects begun in 2015 partially completed as of April 1, 2015, physical changes to properties noted during 2015 data collection efforts, and any other changes to value determined during the year. Projects approved during 2015 but not started until after April 1, 2015 are not included in any calculations, as they will be included

in the numbers for 2016. Total assessed values reflect the state of completion, taxable status, and physical condition of all property as of April 1, 2015.

Property tax exemptions totaled \$13,597,369 while property tax credits of all kinds totaled \$508,000 for a grand total of \$14,105,369 in tax exemptions and credits. In Bedford the tax credits include the Standard Veteran's Tax Credit at \$500, the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (surviving spouse of anyone who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces) at \$2000, and the Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit at \$2000; it can be noted that Bedford provides the highest veteran's credit amounts allowed by law in New Hampshire. Property tax exemptions include the 65-74 Senior Property Tax Exemption at \$76,350, the 75-79 Senior Property Tax Exemption at \$81,350, and the 80+ Senior Property Tax Exemption at \$120,000. Bedford also provides a Blind Property Tax Exemption of \$35,000, a Deaf Property Tax Exemption of \$35,000, a Disabled Property Tax Exemption of \$52,000, and exemptions for Wind Powered, Solar Powered, and Wood Heated Energy Systems.

Information about the qualifications for property tax credits and exemptions can be found at the Assessing Department area of the town website at www.bedfordnh.org, and on Bedford Community Television (BCTV) beginning the second week of February.

As usual, I am sure many of us have been watching the economic news for yet another year. As in 2014, while overall the United States economy is shown to be improving it is still considered "Shaky", or "Tenuous", or "Precipitously Balanced" depending again on what industry you are involved with, where you live, where your investments are (oil v. gold/silver v. real estate v. stocks v. bonds, etc.), who you listen to, and so on. The 2015 CB Richard Ellis New Hampshire I-93/ Route 3 Corridor Office Market Forecast indicated "The Southern New Hampshire Office market will remain steady in 2015 as office employment continues to stabilize." Construction of a medical office facility at 2 Washington Place was completed for 2015, and began at another site at 262 South River Rd. There is also more medical and general office space slated for



the new Lifestyle Oriented project at the Macy's site, so that forecast rang true. The demand for apartments remains strong in Bedford with the recent completion of the 144 unit Bedford Hills apartments at 101 and 114, and the new age-restricted (62+) apartments being built at Technology Drive. In addition, Bedford continues to enjoy a very low if not the lowest retail vacancy rate in the state compared to communities with substantial amounts of available retail space. On top of all that two banks, a credit union, and the new Whole Foods are either completed or just about to be for April 1, 2016.

Since April 1, 2013 the real estate market continues to show controlled and steady increases after an initial burst, through 2014 in the residential sector. The annual number of sales continues to increase year over year, with sale prices increasing at a moderate pace. As always, we maintain that we really are fortunate to live in New Hampshire; a state that has maintained lower unemployment rates than most of the country throughout this entire situation the last several years. It is also important to note that Bedford continues to out perform neighboring communities; for example in 2015 there were only 10 deeded foreclosures or **.12%(.0012)** of the total number of properties in town over the past year. This represents the fewest deeded foreclosures in many years. It continues to be true that Bedford is a good place to live and conduct business with many highlights including our school system, our increasing commercial development, our access to every corner of the state via the highways, and our "AAA" bond rating.

As of December 31, 2015, the classifications of specific property types in town are as follows:

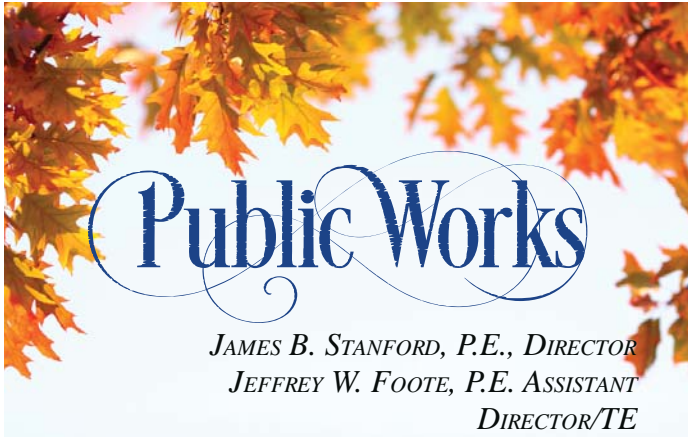
Single Family Residence.....	6320
Residential Multi Family	39
Residential Vacant Lots.....	428
Residential Mobile Home	3
Residential Condominiums	627
Commercial/Industrial Improved.....	108
Commercial/Industrial Condominiums.....	444
Commercial/Industrial Vacant Lots	43
Utilities.....	28
Exempt	265
Total.....	8305

To satisfy the state constitution it is necessary to value anew all property in Bedford at least once every five years; and unless something occurs in the market that requires an update earlier, the next update is scheduled for 2018. Data collection for the next update will begin in 2016, and continue in earnest through 2016 and 2017 into the spring of 2018.

A public access computer terminal is available in the assessing lobby downstairs at the Town Offices along with tax maps for property research. Beginning immediately, the on line Assessing Database will be updated on a weekly basis. For changes on a daily basis the public access terminal will be the most up to date. Assessment information can be seen on line at www.vgsi.com, and maps/abutters lists for individual lots are available at www.mapsonline.net. Assessing office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Ingalls, Assessor



Bedford Public Works has six divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Field Maintenance, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 29 Full Time and 4 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including solid waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

2015 was a year of significant change for the Department. We had retirements of two 30-plus year employees'; Highway Superintendent, Paul Belanger and Environmental Coordinator, Steve Crean. We also lost 20-year employee Allen "Hank" Swiadras, who passed away in July. Hank, an Equipment Operator and master fabricator/welder, was a department leader of our Public Works team. We are grateful for the many years of dedicated service that these three employees gave to the Town.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the \$13.2 million dollar Infrastructure bond appropriation approved in 2011 and the \$30 million dollar Road bond appropriation in 2014. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of Town roads. In total, just less over nine (9) miles of Town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. We replaced several culverts and rehabilitated a portion of Joppa Hill Road and Wallace Road. In addition to the Roads Program, we continued and substantially completed construction of the South River Road Project within the TIF District.

Facility Manger Peter Barbuto completed several infrastructure projects including installation of an exhaust evacuation system, roof at the Safety Complex and bidding of the Library HVAC/geothermal project. As part of the geothermal project, the Town received a PUC grant for approximately \$380,000 to cover the installation of the geothermal well/system.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

EMILE LACERTE, SUPERINTENDENT

During the 2015 winter seasons there were 26 snow and/or ice events. The early winter months yielded above average snow totals, but we did not have any significant snowfall in the late winter months until the last week of the year. Overall for the year, the amount of storms/snowfall totals were about average.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance, brush clearing and drainage system construction. As part of the roads program, crews made numerous drainage system improvements to several areas throughout Town. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased one (1) 6-wheel dump trucks.

Public Works continued field and pool maintenance responsibilities for the Recreation Department. We completed several projects including contracted turf maintenance and fertilization on all of the playing fields.

WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE DIVISIONS

JEROME SPOONER, ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

In 2015 we completed the annual update of the Capacity Management Operation Maintenance (CMOM) project as part of our EPA permit obligations, inspected 3 miles of sewer lines along South River Road and completed cleaning of the siphon station. As part of the municipal agreement with the Town of Merri-



mack, a major rehabilitation was completed on a section of failed sewer/manhole in the Greenfield Farms neighborhood.

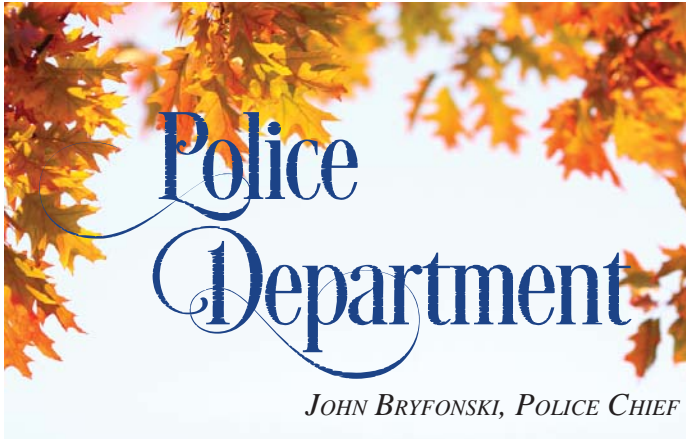
We continued to offer single stream recycling at the transfer station. The recycling program enables residents to combine all recyclables and dispose of them in the same container. The value of recyclables decreased during the year, but the overall cost is still substantially less than disposal of ordinary municipal solid waste.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stanford, P.E. Director

2015 ROADS PROGRAM

TREATMENT	ROAD NAME	FROM	TO
Rehabilitation	Holbrook Road	Old Bedford Road	New Boston Road
	Joppa Hill Road	New Boston Rd	Goffstown Town Line
	Old Bedford Road	Olde Bedford Way	Memorial School
	South River Road TIF	Kilton Road	Manchester Town Line
	South River Road	Back River Road	Route 101 Overpass
	Wallace Road	Benedictine Park	Nathan Cutler
	Wallace Road	Ministerial Road	Chubbuck Road
Reclaim/Overlay	Blueberry Lane	Glenn Road	Oak Drive
	Garrison Drive	Old Bedford Road	End
	Glenn Road	Oak Drive	Wendover Way
	Grandview Lane	Hickory Lane	Timberlane Drive
	Hickory Lane	Holbrook Road	End
	Hull Road (TIF)	South River Road	End
	Oak Drive	Meetinghouse Road	End
	Plummer Road	Wendover Way	Boynton Street
	Roblin Road	Hickory Lane	End
	Seabee Street	Wayside Drive	End
	Timberlane Drive	Holbrook Road	Grandview Lane
	Wayside Drive	Seabee Street	Boynton Street
	Wendover Way	Blueberry Lane	End
	Weymouth Drive	Quincy Drive	Hunters Run Road
	Whittemore Street	Seabee Street	Palomino Lane
Culvert Projects	Rosewell Road		



39% increase in drug investigations, but also in terms of property crime as abusers sought ways to fund the purchase of heroin and fentanyl resulting in the increase in shoplifting and thefts from motor vehicles.

Despite these challenges, the Bedford Police Department, using innovative and new approaches to proactive crime prevention and deterrence along with tried and true methods and a community policing based approach, has been able to achieve the significant reductions in residential and commercial burglaries and other crime even with reduced staffing. We have asked more from our members in 2015 and they responded with increased proactive patrol activity and aggressive investigations. We have forged new relationships with our regional partners designed to augment our resources in addressing crime and criminals that know no borders and have been successful in not only thwarting crime but also in the identification of those responsible for crime in Bedford and bringing them to the bar of justice.

Our mission is to assure the safety and security of Bedford and to make it the best place in New Hampshire to live, work, conduct business and enjoy life. As our community sits astride the largest city in the state and at the crossroads of major interstate and connector routes, we are continually challenged in many ways to achieve this mission. From increased traffic congestion and commuter travel to spill-over crime, we are cognizant that these issues impact the quality of life and so we are aggressively addressing these concerns in a multi-layered, all-hazards approach that relies on statistics, data and a community-based approach as well as our optimally trained and dedicated force to achieve our mission to protect and serve every day, every night and everywhere - all the time in keeping with our BPD tradition of Bravery – Professionalism-Dedication.

Patrol Division

The Bedford Police Department's Patrol Division, the largest component of the agency and the primary operational element for the delivery of police services continued to undergo significant changes in 2015 both operationally and in terms of staffing.

The Bedford Police Department continued to make significant progress in improving the safety and security of our residents and visitors to Bedford in 2015 despite the difficult challenges faced last year. Notwithstanding increased calls for service, reduced staffing and the impact and threat posed by substance abuse that affected property crime throughout the region, the Bedford Police Department realized a 50% reduction in residential burglaries and a 33% reduction in commercial burglaries in 2015. Moreover, when analyzing the past three years of data we find the number of residential burglaries in Bedford have been cut by more than 70%.

In addition to the reduction in residential and commercial burglaries, the Department also realized reductions in the number of assaults by 36%; disorderly conduct by 27% and the number of personal injury motor vehicle crashes.

However, the positive gains in the safety and security of our residents noted above was tempered somewhat by increases in petty property crime such as shoplifting (willful concealment) (+46%) and thefts from motor vehicles (+75%). Tragically, Bedford was unable to escape the impact of substance abuse, which claimed the lives of two Bedford residents in 2015 as a result of heroin/fentanyl overdoses. Substance abuse and specifically the threat posed by heroin and fentanyl became the number-one public safety issue in the State of New Hampshire during 2015. The impact from the significant increase in substance abuse in NH registered not only in terms of drug overdose incidents, 17 in Bedford during 2015 along with a



During 2015, the Patrol Division fully implemented the Department's new patrol sector plan introduced in November 2014. This effort was the result of the need to improve the way Patrol Division resources were geographically deployed to assure maximum patrol coverage throughout the entire Town, to address emergent crime and traffic problems and to improve our response to priority calls-for-service, making sure the most important calls for service were answered first. Ancillary objectives were to effectively "load-balance" our calls amongst our officers and to maximize deterrent and pro-active patrols. As a result of these changes, pro-active deterrent patrol coverage increased throughout Bedford despite reduced staffing. Moreover, the significant reduction in both residential and commercial burglaries achieved in 2015 was, in part, due to the implementation of this strategy. The new sector patrol plan coupled with major changes in our Communications Center that prioritized calls for service has improved call response times resulting in more timely delivery of police and public safety services.

Preventative and deterrent proactive patrol remains the cornerstone of the Patrol Division's mission to address both crime and highway safety in Bedford. The utilization of data-driven analytics combined with community-based policing, aggressive investigation and our performance measurement program (COMP/Stat) afforded the surgical application of resources to address both crime and highway safety related issues. From timely "hot-spot" bulletins highlighting emergent crime and highway safety data to the integration of information, intelligence and data into monthly operational planning the Division was able to direct the application of resources to proactively address specific problems.

By using data analytics and hot-spot bulletins, the Patrol Division held the number of motor vehicle crashes in Bedford static when compared to 2014 despite a projected increase in average miles driven, largely due to lower fuel costs, and two significant winter storms during February 2015. Moreover, aggressive patrols to address drug and alcohol impaired driving resulted in a 36% increase in driving while impaired arrests during 2015, including one

case involving a subject allegedly under the influence of heroin who crashed during an early morning commute.

The Patrol Division also deployed programs to address the increase in both shoplifting and thefts from motor vehicles; which are vexing and difficult issues that are not entirely responsive to proactive law enforcement methods. Increased visible deterrent patrols along with our new patrol plan addressed the increase in shoplifting resulting in the arrests of many of the subject(s) involved contributing to the overall 22% increase in adult arrests in 2015; many of whom were substance abuser(s). Thefts from motor vehicles, almost exclusively due to owners leaving their vehicles unlocked and unsecured, was more difficult given that virtually all these incidents occur during the late night or very early morning hours under the cover of darkness. Thankfully, in most cases, very few items of value were taken from motor vehicles and owners were encouraged to "Lock It or Lose It" in a public service announcement and campaign launched by the Patrol Division in 2015.

During 2015 our Patrol Division officers increasingly faced more complex and potentially dangerous calls for service that threatened the safety of our citizens and the officer(s) themselves. On three separate occasions, Patrol Division officers faced subject(s) armed with knives that threatened the officer(s) or attempted to induce a "suicide by cop" situation. In one of these incidents, a female suffering acute mental illness attacked an officer with a large knife; narrowly missing the officer's neck. In all three cases, our officers safely diffused the situation and took the subject(s) into custody without injury. The intensive training of our officer(s) was manifest in each of these and a number of other potentially life threatening situations that our officers confronted in 2015.

Training continues to be the key element in improving the quality of police service. During 2015, officers assigned to the Department's Technical Accident Reconstruction Team attended training conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police. This intensive and highly complex investigative training was soon applied in the investigation of a fatal motor vehicle crash on Kilton Road. On average, the Department's



Technical Accident Reconstruction Team has been activated at least once every year for the past four years to investigate and find the cause of fatal or serious bodily injury motor vehicle accidents that occur on Bedford roads.

In addition to handling 17-overdose calls for service, two of which were tragically fatal; Patrol Division officers also responded to several underage drinking incidents in 2015; three in August alone; highlighting the need for a continued focus on substance abuse and misuse in terms of prevention, education and treatment as well as through enforcement.

The Patrol Division's achievements cannot be fully appreciated by the review of data alone; but rather in the context of public service and our focus on community policing. From the quality of service delivered each day to those that call upon us for assistance to the compassion of our officers who give of themselves to help others, it is the Division's overall integration of all facets of public safety service that produced the significant improvement in safety and security Bedford enjoys.

Community Policing

Despite challenges due to the reduction in staffing experienced during the balance of 2015, the Department continued to deliver high quality, safety related, community policing programs designed to reach every segment of our community; seniors, children/young adults, business/retail and our residential neighborhoods.

The Department continued its very popular "Coffee with a Cop" program during 2015; taking the program "on the road" to various locations in Town. This program affords an opportunity for residents to interact with our officer(s) and provides the Department with an opportunity to discuss important public safety information as well as hear the concerns of our residents. The monthly "Coffee with a Cop" and "Meet the Chief" community policing programs are designed to provide regular forums to share information with our residents but more importantly hear their concerns, which are then translated into direct action. From increased traffic enforcement to changes in how we address certain issues; all of which

came about from information gleaned as a result of these programs.

From a "senior scam" seminar followed by a spaghetti supper and bingo to our "Are You OK?" program designed for seniors; our annual bicycle rodeo and story time activities in our elementary schools to our school safety check program for our children and teens; as well as having two additional neighborhoods coming on-board the Department's Neighborhood Watch Program in 2015 to loss prevention and retail organized crime seminars for our business community; the Department's Community Policing Program continued to deliver a balanced suite of the very best in crime prevention and safety programs to all segments of Bedford's population.

The Department continued its very popular Citizen's Police Academy in 2015, graduating another class of residents who spent 10-weeks "behind the scenes" in learning how the Bedford Police Department delivers public safety services. From budgeting and performance metrics to crime scene investigations, interviewing and interrogation; tactical operations to a mock trial; our Citizen Academy graduates became well versed in modern policing operations through a "hands-on" approach to learning.

Our Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers continued to serve a vital role in assisting both the Bedford Police and Fire Departments during 2015. From assisting at major traffic accidents and fire events to providing information on preparedness and community outreach services, the Bedford CERT continues to bridge a critical gap in public safety services. In 2015, our Bedford CERT realized the capability to be able to open a Red-Cross certified shelter in Bedford if ever the need arose.

The Department administered internships to several area college students seeking law enforcement or law careers. This important program for both the student and our Department provided invaluable "hands-on" criminal justice experience for the students and provided the Department with analytical assistance. Some of the Department's former interns found successful careers in law enforcement, some right



here in Bedford while others were hired by area Departments and others going onto to a career in law.

The Bedford Police Department applied and received authorization from the NH Office of the Attorney General and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to implement a prescription drug collection program during 2015. The proliferation of unused and unwanted prescription drugs in our homes has fueled the increase in substance abuse and tragedies associated with prescription drug experimentation. We know from teen surveys that many young adults seeking experimentation with prescription drugs, especially pain-killers, often find a ready supply in the home medicine cabinet. Funded by a grant from CVS Pharmacy and the Partnership for Drug Free Kids, the Department installed a prescription drug collection box in the lobby of the Bedford Public Safety Complex so our residents can easily and safely dispose of unused and unwanted prescription drugs 24/7/365. In the first three months of our drug collection program, the Department collected more than 300 pounds of prescription medications.

Knowing that Bedford was not immune from the significant increase in substance abuse and especially heroin and fentanyl abuse as evinced by two overdose deaths in Bedford and 17 overdose cases in 2015, the Department in partnership with the Bedford School District organized a Drug Summit in November. Bringing together a panel of experts from prevention and treatment disciplines as well as law enforcement and fire/emergency medical services and the clergy, the drug summit brought the drug abuse crisis into sharp focus for our residents during three hours of information sharing, questions and answers. More importantly, the summit put “a face” on the crisis by having four families discuss their own struggles and tragedies as a result of substance abuse. The poignant and heart wrenching stories of families faced with addiction and the terrible tragedies and loss of life for some gave rise to an undercurrent of action by a number of residents who attended the summit. As a result, a community based anti-drug coalition was formed and is taking up the challenge to address this crisis at a grass roots level.

In addition to the 2015 drug summit, the Department also entered into discussions with a prominent drug treatment service provider in hopes that the Department will soon be able to facilitate the transfer of substance abusers that come to the Department’s attention directly into treatment.

In 2015 the Department was awarded a prestigious United States Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) award and grant. Based upon the Department’s strong emphasis on community based policing, the Department was one of only four police departments in the State of New Hampshire to receive this highly competitive award and grant of \$250,000 over three years to support the hiring of two additional School Resource Officer(s) (SROs). We know from evidence as well as anecdotal information that our current SRO program is highly effective in many ways and on many levels by providing a positive role model; to being a trusted confidant to students who shared information regarding student well-being and safety as well as information and intelligence that resulted in solving crime. By the addition of an additional SRO to our current singular SRO stationed at the Middle School/High School, the Department hopes to expand this program to our intermediate and elementary schools during a time when the incidence of substance abuse has affected so many young adults.

The Department significantly expanded its use of social media and outreach during 2015 with an expanded Department Facebook presence as well as improvements to our website and the addition of a news blog. More importantly, the Bedford Police Department became the first municipal law enforcement agency in NH to be certified to use the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). Many know this program from the alerts they may have viewed on their televisions or received on their mobile telephones. In combination with the Department’s very successful enhanced Nixle-360 platform, we will be able to provide critical and timely public safety information to our residents through FEMA’s IPAWS that will reach not only Nixle subscribers and land line telephone users but all broadcast stations serving



Bedford, including television and radio as well as all mobile telephone devices through IPAWS' wireless emergency alert system. This major accomplishment and achievement was a result of the work of both the Patrol and Communications Divisions and will provide the very best emergency notification system for the residents of Bedford and the region.

Remember, to receive important alert, community and advisory information from the Bedford Police and other Town Departments, please subscribe to Nixle at www.nixle.com. It's free!

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**Remember – Keep an Eye on Bedford -
“See Something –Say Something”.**

Detective Division

The Detective Division was especially successful in solving many burglaries and all but one of the robberies committed in Bedford during 2015. Aggressive investigation of residential burglaries by detectives resulted in the recovery of a number of stolen items as well as the identification of the suspect(s) responsible. The Detective Division continued to achieve a clearance (success) rate for burglary and robbery that far surpassed the national average.

As noted above, Bedford Detectives solved and arrested those responsible for five of the six robberies committed in Bedford in 2015. Quick action by both Patrol Division and Detectives solved one bank robbery and two other robberies on the same day(s) the incidents occurred.

Tragically, Bedford Detectives working in concert with investigators from the NH State Police Major Crime Squad investigated the murder-suicide at 17 McAfee Farm Road in March that claimed the lives of two young children and their mother who took her children's lives and her own.

Bedford Detectives also aggressively investigated a number of sexual assaults in 2015; noting that all of the victims involved in the assaults were acquainted

with or known to the suspect(s). In addition, a Bedford Detective is also assigned to the Interstate Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) and was prominently successful in solving a number of sexual assault cases both in Bedford and elsewhere as part of the ICAC Task Force. Our detective was also called upon to participate in a number of seminars that provided information regarding the protection of children from exploitation.

The Detective Division also forged a new relationship and is now participating in the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Street Crime Task Force. Bedford Detectives deputized by the Sheriff's Office working in concert with task force members from other departments work on a case-by-case basis on select crime(s) and investigations. From drug investigations to fugitive investigations involving suspects wanted for crime(s) in Bedford such as robbery or burglary, the Street Crime Task Force became a significant enhancement to resources available to augment our own force to achieve quick success in the most important cases investigated by the Detective Division in 2015.

The Detective Division also did its part in support of the Department's Community Policing Program by spearheading the Citizen's Police Academy and the Department's Open House Programs in 2015.

Additionally, with the Department's focus on hiring new police officer(s) to fill our vacant Patrol Division positions, detectives were involved in conducting a number of full-field background investigations of our police officer candidates during 2015.

Communications and Records Division

The Bedford Police Department's Communications Center (ComCenter); a state-of-the-art 21st century operations control center, is the hub of all first responder and public safety information and intelligence. All calls for service from the public start in our ComCenter as well as activity initiated in the field by patrol officers and detectives. The ComCenter provides the critical life-safety linkage between citizens and public safety and between first responder(s) and Headquarters. The ComCenter forges the link between technology and field operations.



During 2015 the ComCenter implemented a series of new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) designed to augment both police and fire operations while streamlining work flow process within the ComCenter for our Communications Specialists. New or revised SOPs for priority dispatching; response by police to emergency medical calls and ComCenter policies and procedures were implemented. In addition, the Division also initiated the development and deployed a totally new quality control and assurance program designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of ComCenter call taking and dispatching. The Division also began the development of call action plans for Priority-1 crime-in-progress calls to assist communications specialists in obtaining critical life-safety information for first responders.

The Communications Division also embarked upon an aggressive training program for communications specialists as well as patrol officers and sergeants. During 2015, communications specialists attended external training for active shooter events as well as intensive in-service training on fire/emergency medical calls for service. For the first time, communications specialists were integrated into the Department's active shooter training scenarios. The Division also trained all patrol officer(s) and sergeant(s) to ensure sufficient redundancy for ComCenter operations in cases of emergency or short staffing.

The Communications Division, like Patrol, also saw significant personnel changes with the retirement of one communications specialist and the transition of another into patrol. Last year saw the retirement of Communications Specialist Catherine Hackett after 20-years of service with the Bedford Police Department and the transition of Communications Specialist Benjamin Kitchen from Communications Specialist to Police Officer. As a result, the Division was short-staffed through a portion of 2015 and was required to train two new communications specialists. The Division's new Communications Training Manual was put to the test as well as our newly certified communications specialist-training instructors.

On the technology side of Communications, the Division became the lead agency on a regional communications grant that will link the Department's ComCenter to other regional dispatch centers to provide redundancy and load balancing in case of a regional emergency or disaster. Additionally, we added an additional transmitter at the New Boston Tracking Station tower that will significantly improve land mobile radio coverage for both police and fire. The Division was the lead in the implementation of the Town's new voice-over-internet-protocol (VOiP) telephone system that was installed in May, 2015. This new Town-wide VOiP system replaced an outdated and unserviceable system with additional functionality and redundancies to assure reliable business telephone service. The Division also saw the installation of new network switching and re-cabling of our network switching center in Communications to improve serviceability and reliability as well as improve the quality and speed of digital data across the Division's platforms.

On the Records Division side, we implemented an enhanced social media program with an emphasis on the Department's Facebook page as the principal means of direct communication with the public as well as the development and integration of the new IPAWS platform, described above.

Technology alone cannot and will never replace the requirement for highly trained and skilled communications specialist(s). The continued increase in calls for service for police, fire and emergency medical services, which are handled by our ComCenter and the frequency of high volume, peak-load, requires the presence of two communications specialists at all times to assure both citizen as well as first responder safety and security.

Administration

The Department continued its multi-year plan to bring staffing up to both national and regional standards during 2015, with the addition of an Administrative Sergeant position funded as of July 1, 2015. This new position removed many administrative tasks currently spread across all patrol sergeants to permit our



operational supervisors to focus on their primary role of direct supervision of patrol officers in the field. A study undertaken by the Department in 2015 indicated the combined loss of hours amongst all five Patrol Division sergeants to internal administrative functions accounted for more than one full-time position during the year. With increased calls for service as well as the complexity and severity of these calls along with the addition of new officers with minimal experience required our sergeants to be “on the road” as opposed to in the station working on administrative duties.

The addition of an Administrative Sergeant position along with the retirement of Sergeant John Selvitella after more than 20-years of service underscored the need to initiate the promotional process for sergeant. As a result, in early 2015 the promotional process for sergeant was revised to incorporate an externally validated written test followed by an assessment center that put candidates into real scenarios sergeants routinely face followed by an oral board examination conducted by command staff members from area departments and a final oral board interview by the chief and command staff. This new rigorous process resulted in the identification and promotion of two sergeants that will assume their full-time positions in early 2016 and undergo a one-year mentoring program under the watchful eyes of their primary mentor.

The Department continued to struggle to fill our current Patrol Division officer vacancies in 2015; not unlike the experience of all NH police departments, we found a shrinking pool of qualified candidates from which to choose. Exacerbating this shortage was competition from the Manchester Police Department who not only competes for our recruit candidates but also draws away current patrol officer(s) with the promise of significant salary enhancement(s). During 2015 the Department lost yet another officer to the Manchester Police Department along with the resignation of another. Despite the addition of three new officers; two of whom graduated from the Academy in April and successfully completed their 20-week Field Training Program, the Patrol Division was understaffed for the bulk of 2015 as new officers were either in the Academy or undergoing field training under the watchful eyes of our Field Training Officer(s). As a

result, in February 2015 the Department was forced to transfer two officer(s) from full-time traffic patrol duties back into our regular rotation for sector patrol in order to ensure the Department met critical staffing requirements. Even with the transfer of the two traffic positions back into patrol; forced-overtime was necessary to ensure sufficient patrol staffing was on duty.

In order to improve our recruitment and testing program, the Department initiated a new recruitment team under the supervision of a sergeant who, along with two seasoned patrol officer(s), were very active in attending job-fairs and regional testing venues in order to identify and recruit only the very best candidates to become Bedford Police Officers. The Department’s new Recruitment Team reorganization was successful and we anticipate hiring new officers to bring the Department up to its current authorized sworn member capacity of 37 in 2016.

Along with revisions to the Department’s SOPs for promotion, we also overhauled the Department’s SOP for training. This extensive revision brought the Departments recruit, field training and in-service training programs into alignment with current and future requirements and with the latest developments and requirements for 21st century policing. In addition to enhancements to our firearms training program the addition of defensive tactics and the continuation of our tactical active shooter and scenario-based training (SBT) programs the Department added new requirements for de-escalation training and critical incident/mental health training to ensure our officers have the necessary skill sets to resolve potential life-threatening situations with the minimal amount of force necessary to minimize the risk of injury to citizens and officers. The new training SOP instituted the position of Department Training Coordinator, which will be filled by the new Administrative Sergeant, relieving operational supervisors from these tasks.

Additional staffing up to the national average of 39 sworn members will positively affect the Department’s capacity to meet the increased demand for public safety services while continuing to provide high quality community policing, crime prevention



and other law enforcement services to our residents.

To ensure the Department is continually advancing toward total quality and organizational improvement, we continued to develop and deploy enhancements to our data systems and the manner and methods by which we accumulate and extract data. These revisions, imbedded in the many changes to our Standard Operating Procedures, are designed to improve our ability to obtain data to use in our performance evaluation program (COMP/Stat) as well as measure the efficiency and effectiveness of our programs. Moreover, using performance metrics for each division tied to strategic goals the Department continues to reach to higher levels of performance, efficiency and effectiveness.

We are proud to serve our residents in keeping with our tradition of BPD

Bravery Professionalism Dedication

Community Policing at its Best-Bedford Officers Run to Support Special Olympics pictured here with the Bedford Bobcats:

Bravery **P**rofessionalism **D**edication

Respectfully submitted,

John Bryfonski, Police Chief





Bedford Police Department 2015 Annual Statistics

Note: **Values in RED Indicates a Reduction in any Category**

Note: Some categories reflecting increases or reductions are immune to influence by law enforcement activity.

Note: Calls-For-Service represent requests for police service/resources from external entities wherein Bedford Police Department resources were expended in response to said request(s).

	2014	2015	Difference	Pct +/-
Category:	YTD	YTD		
Calls for Service	8573	8907	334	3.895952
Self-Initiated Calls	17779	18153	374	2.103605
Total Incident Reports	26352	27059	707	2.682908
Total Calls handled by CC	30051	30822	771	2.565638
Crime Stats:				
Arrests:				
Adult	525	639	114	21.71429
Juvenile	50	59	9	18
Assaults:				
Simple	58	37	-21	-36.2069
Domestic Calls	134	120	-14	-10.4478
Sexual Assaults	8	14	6	75
Other Assault	1	7	6	600
Burglaries:				
Residential	18	9	-9	-50
Commercial	9	6	-3	-33.3333
Attempted	7	7	0	0
Thefts:				
Willful concealment	130	190	60	46.15385
Theft from a motor vehicle	59	103	44	74.57627
Theft all other	146	183	37	25.34247
Misc. Crimes:				
Criminal Mischief	88	86	-2	-2.27273
Disorderly Conduct	197	144	-53	-26.9036
Drug Violations	51	71	20	39.21569
Fraud/Counterfeit	90	141	51	56.66667
Harassment	36	38	2	5.555556
Internet Crime	9	0	-9	-100
Sex Offender Registration	19	13	-6	-31.5789
Robberies	4	6	2	50
Homicide	0	2	2	200
Highway Safety:				
Accidents	682	684	2	0.293255
Fatal	1	1	0	0
Property Damage	569	579	10	1.757469
Injury	108	99	-9	-8.33333
Pedestrian	5	8	3	60

Motor Vehicle Activity:				
MV Summons Issued	1446	1237	-209	-14.4537
MV Warnings Issued	4567	4718	151	3.306328
Parking Tickets Issued	45	31	-14	-31.1111
MV Complaints	615	595	-20	-3.25203
DWI's	47	64	17	36.17021
Community Policing:				
Business	120	41	-79	-65.8333
Senior Citizens	26	19	-7	-26.9231
Juvenile	49	52	3	6.122449
Neighborhood	10	17	7	70
Other	15	13	-2	-13.3333
Safe School	164	114	-50	-30.4878
Misc. Calls for Service:				
Civil/Civil Stand-by	98	108	10	10.20408
Death Investigation	13	19	6	46.15385
Found Property	73	69	-4	-5.47945
Highway Conditions	381	430	49	12.86089
Juvenile Complaints	18	22	4	22.22222
Littering Complaints	16	15	-1	-6.25
Lost Property	44	45	1	2.272727
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1128	1152	24	2.12766
Assists:				
Assist Rescue	753	442	-311	-41.3015
Assist Fire	109	175	66	60.55046
Assist Citizen	447	440	-7	-1.566
Assist Other PD	235	168	-67	-28.5106
Assist Utilities	43	29	-14	-32.5581
Alarms:	1663	1550	-113	-6.79495
Animal Control:				
Animal Complaints	411	356	-55	-13.382
Dog Complaints	423	386	-37	-8.74704
Dog Summonses	64	41	-23	-35.9375
Dog Warnings	60	56	-4	-6.66667



2015 Citizens Academy: Students learning real CSI techniques from Detectives.



Visitors from France check out Bedford's new cruiser.



Substance Abuse Summit



Bedford Police Open House 2015

High 5's from McGruff-The Crime-Dog.

2015 Bedford PD Bicycle Rodeo—Mountain Bike Patrol Officer shows a “recruit” how it’s done – SAFELY.





This past year has been very challenging for the Fire Department. Bedford experienced a significant increase in drug related overdoses. We experienced 18 cases of drug overdoses. Of those, 16 were revived by the administration of Narcan. Weather played an important part of our call volume this past year. The extreme cold and the amount of snow we had in January and February contributed to high call volumes. January alone, we had an unprecedented 187 ambulance calls related to snow covered roads with accidents, and slips and falls. Weather issues continued through May and June with no substantial rainfall that created Fire Danger at Class 4 Days and numerous Red Flag Warning Days. The amount of acres burned this year in the State was the highest in several decades. Bedford responded to several of these mutual aid calls, some calls were to Merrimack and Hooksett.

Bedford experienced several major structure fires this past year that required mutual aid responses from our neighboring communities. One fire was a fatal fire inside a private residence. This was the first fatal fire inside a residence in the Town of Bedford in over 50 years. The largest fire that occurred was on Burleigh Terrace which required numerous alarms for assistance.

I would like to recognize the hiring of two new firefighters to fill vacancies in the organization. The first Firefighter-EMT-P Jason Godin and the second is Firefighter-A-EMT Craig Fahey. I would like to thank Firefighter/A-EMT Eric Carrier for his years of service with Bedford and Firefighter-EMT-P Stephen Brady who has transferred from a Fulltime Member

to a Call Firefighter. A special recognition to LT/A-EMT Keith Folsom for his 30 years of service with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

This past year the department received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$214,600.00 for a total replacement of all of the department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This purchase meets all of the NFPA1981 (2013) standards with an integrated bailout system for self-rescue. We also received a Grant from the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) to host a Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training Course for area members in the amount of \$31,704.00. I would like to thank FF/EMT-P Ben Selleck for his great work on acquiring both these grants.

This year the Department received several new pieces of apparatus. One vehicle was a HME Rescue/Pumper that replaced our 17 year old vehicle, which had over 110,000 miles of service. The second vehicle was a Four Guys Engine/Tanker on an International Chassis that replaced a 31 year old Mack. The third vehicle was a 2015 Chevy Tahoe Command Vehicle that replaced an 11 year old vehicle that had 110,000 miles.

Fire calls are up from the previous year by 4%. We maintain a Full-Time Paramedic Service 24/7, which provides the community with the highest level of pre-hospital care available. We also support some of our neighboring communities in their time of need with a Paramedic Intercept Service for Advance Life Support. Our current shift staffing remains at six personnel on duty 24/7 when we are at full staff. We also have one daytime person four days a week. All four shifts have been actively performing public and life safety inspections at all businesses and public places of assembly.

I would like to acknowledge many members of the fire department for obtaining advancement in their education and training.

Deputy Chief Mark Klose obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

Deputy Chief Mark Klose obtained his Technical Large Animal Technician Level



CAPT/A-EMT Scott Hunter obtained his Hazardous Material Technician

CAPT/A-EMT Scott Hunter became certified as Arson Investigator

LT/A-EMT Keith Folsom obtained his Advanced EMT

LT/A-EMT Aaron Lambert obtained his Bachelor's Degree

LT/A-EMT Aaron Lambert obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

LT/A-EMT Aaron Lambert obtained his Technical Large Animal Technician Level

FF/ EMT-P Ben Selleck obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

FF/ EMT-P Ben Selleck obtained his Technical Large Animal Technician Level

FF/ EMT-P Ben Selleck obtained his Hazardous Material Technician

FF/A-EMT Joshua Cresswell obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

FF/A-EMT Joshua Cresswell obtained his Technical Large Animal Technician Level

FF/A-EMT Joshua Cresswell obtained his Advanced EMT

FF/A-EMT Joshua Cresswell obtained his Fire Service Instructor I

FF/EMT-P Joe Curtin obtained his Fire Service Instructor

FF/A-EMT Sue Marden obtained her Advanced EMT

FF/A-EMT Eric Dubowik obtained his Advanced EMT

FF/A-EMT Eric Dubowik obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

FF/A-EMT Eric Dubowik obtained his Technical Large Animal Technician Level

FF/A-EMT Nathan Ducharme obtained his Advanced EMT

FF/A-EMT Nathan Ducharme obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

FF/EMT-P Ryan O'Hara obtained his Technical Large Animal Awareness and Operations

FF/A-EMT Craig Fahey obtained his Advance EMT

Fire Inspector A-EMT Thatcher Plante obtained his Fire Officer II

Fire Inspector A-EMT Thatcher Plante obtained his Certified Plans Examiner Accreditation

A reminder to all citizens that the law requires a written fire permit anytime the ground is not covered with snow. Also, any portable fireplaces, such as chimineas, steel fire pits, and any devices designed to burn permissible combustible materials other than gas or charcoal are required to have a written permit. The fire department will conduct a site visit and assess the installation and use, and if deemed appropriate, a seasonal permit may be issued.

Homeowners need to maintain annual inspections on heating appliances and maintain adequate clearances to all combustible materials; along with having all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors checked for proper operation. Homeowners need to properly discard ashes in metal covered containers outside and away from any combustible materials. If any citizen has a question or concern regarding the installation and or operation of Smoke or CO detectors, heating appliance, or portable fireplaces, please contact the Bedford Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau.

I would like to thank the general public for all of their support through donations and letters of appreciation that we have received over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Wiggins, Fire Chief

**2015 FIRE ACTIVITY REPORT**

	DEC/14	DEC/15	Y-T-D 14	Y-T-D15
FIRE CALLS	50	48	656	685
AMBULANCE	165	136	1818	1789
MISCELLANEOUS				
Service Calls	19	10	129	132
Field Inspections	33	26	331	653
Plan Review	6	8	62	71
Burning permits	37	40	899	900
Blasting Permits	0	0	5	14
SUBTOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	95	84	1426	1770
Total Service Provided	310	268	3900	4244

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This past fire season burned 661 acres which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual, our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine nee-



dles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are

available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

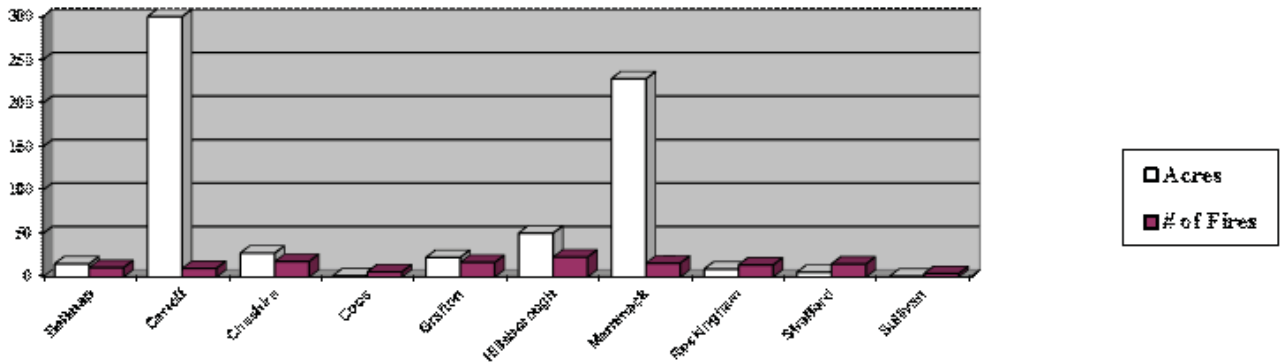
2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres.....	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3.....	11
Carroll	299.5.....	10
Cheshire	27.6.....	18
Coos	1.6.....	6
Grafton	22.6.....	17
Hillsborough	50.6.....	23
Merrimack.....	228.....	16
Rockingham	9.2.....	14
Strafford	5.5.....	15
Sullivan	1.1.....	4



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2015	134	661
Debris	17	2014	112	72
Campfire	13	2013	182	144
Children	3	2012	318	206
Smoking	12	2011	125	42
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	71	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



time and location. The Health Department continues to advise all residents your best defense against contracting these diseases is by self-protection and following guidelines to help reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home. These guidelines can be found by following the links on the Health Department page on the Town of Bedford web site. Permanent advisory signage at town recreation fields and parks were installed this past year. The disconcerting news is there appears to be a couple of new mosquito borne diseases appearing in the western hemisphere most recently a confirmed case in Texas. We are monitoring these diseases and their spread.

Building Department

2015 activity continued the trend to an expanding commercial base from new commercial sites and redevelopment of existing commercial sites. The Building Department issued Certificate of Occupancies for three of the four 36 unit buildings at the mixed use site, Primary Bank on Route 101, Provident Bank on South River Road (former Wayfarer site), along with the shell for Whole Foods and 8,000 sq. ft. of future retail space, phase one of the expansion of New Morning School on Back River Road, and a new 2400 sq. ft. testing facility on Harvey Road for Haigh-Farr. Construction is well under way on the Bedford Grand Hotel, Maple Ridge (over 62 housing on Technology Drive), the interior fit up of Whole Foods, the last building at Bedford Hills, the second phase of New Morning School is ready to start, and the steel is up for the new office building at 262 South River Road behind Sullivan Construction, and Members First Credit Union is just about ready to open. Projects that are approved and have not come out of the ground as of yet are the Assisted living facility on Hawthorne Drive, the 3 story self-storage facility on South River Road, a new veterinary clinic on 101 just West of the Wallace Road /101 intersection.

2015 was a very active year with the department seeing a 30% increase in the number of performed inspections over 2014 some of which was due to an increase in the number of installations for solar PV panels and private standby generators. There were applications for 157 private standby generators and 63 solar PV (combination of roof & ground mount) installations.

In 2015 the health department performed 99 septic plan reviews, 189 food service inspections, 30 public pool & spa inspections, and issued 108 food service licenses. There no new food service locations in 2015 but in 2016 we will be looking at new locations for Whole Foods, new location for Hannaford's, the Bedford Grand, and the assisted living facility on Technology Drive are the ones we are aware of at this time.

The town food licensing & public pool programs continue to operate utilizing best management practices. All of the public bathing facilities have met the "certified pool operator" requirement of the public health ordinance. The benefits of having a Certified Pool Operator maintaining the public pools and spas include: understanding water chemistry and how to keep the water chemistry balanced according to the town rules. Ensure that the filter equipment is working correctly, and when the facilities need to close due to a deficiency. In 2016 the Bedford Health Department will continue initial opening inspections for outside facilities and compliance inspections for inside and outside facilities throughout the pool season. Food service compliance program continues to improve and attendance of town sponsored education programs for food service establishments remains excellent.

Mosquito borne illnesses continues to be a concern for residents of the state. Our research has led us to conclude the most effective type of protection is the use of individual insect repellent wipes for a specific



There is a bill currently under consideration in Concord to update the state building codes from the 2009 editions to the 2015 editions. The building department will be developing and holding code update seminars for the contractors in our area in anticipation of the new codes becoming effective. The Building Department continues to encourage residents, contractors, and developers to visit our web pages for the information contained there. We continually make improvements and add new items of interest for everyone. The single most important page on our web site is the web link to view the current building codes online, located on the resources page. This link allows everyone to view the building codes at no charge and you may do so anonymously if you wish thereby reducing the risk of being inundated by advertisements from ICC. If you haven't been to the new website please visit it. Take a tour and let us know what you like or don't like. If you know of other links with information that may be helpful to others please let us know. There are direct emails links to the staff so you are able contact us directly.

If you have questions about permits, when and if they are required or questions about food service establishments please visit the department web pages on the town web site or give us a call at 472-3838 with your questions or e-mail them directly to the person you wish to contact:

<mailto:wrichardson@bedfordnh.org>, <mailto:tcarter@bedfordnh.org> <mailto:gpariseau@bedfordnh.org>.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Richardson, CBO Code Health Official



COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR

	2012		2013		2014		2015	
COMMERCIAL ADDITION	\$130,000	<i>1</i>	\$1,150,000	<i>2</i>	\$5,086,620	<i>4</i>	\$1,922,830	<i>2</i>
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$11,143,383	<i>60</i>	\$3,836,141	<i>56</i>	\$6,485,715	<i>70</i>	\$14,815,468	<i>64</i>
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$16,642,029	<i>11</i>	\$2,418,132	<i>8</i>	\$18,654,360	<i>10</i>	\$28,691,347	<i>7</i>
NEW DWELLING	\$8,294,900	<i>25</i>	\$13,898,484	<i>40</i>	\$9,756,000	<i>23</i>	\$12,837,000	<i>27</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$306,779	<i>9</i>	\$321,500	<i>10</i>	\$683,000	<i>11</i>	\$1,209,200	<i>13</i>
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$2,949,110	<i>83</i>	\$3,842,849	<i>110</i>	\$2,743,659	<i>86</i>	\$2,805,715	<i>92</i>
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$2,276,727	<i>63</i>	\$2,189,492	<i>88</i>	\$1,138,297	<i>48</i>	\$2,775,070	<i>77</i>
SEPTIC	\$415,300	<i>47</i>	\$419,400	<i>51</i>	\$430,500	<i>48</i>	\$446,607	<i>53</i>
SIGNS	\$166,820	<i>30</i>	\$88,056	<i>29</i>	\$192,159	<i>34</i>	\$157,366	<i>37</i>
SHEDS	\$151,498	<i>41</i>	\$87,476	<i>21</i>	\$162,650	<i>35</i>	\$146,877	<i>35</i>
SWIMMING POOLS	\$985,856	<i>41</i>	\$625,650	<i>27</i>	\$1,227,750	<i>31</i>	\$850,010	<i>28</i>
SOLAR PV PANELS							\$1,902,250	<i>63</i>
	\$43,462,402	<i>411</i>	\$28,877,180	<i>442</i>	\$46,560,710	<i>400</i>	\$66,657,490	<i>498</i>

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of projects permitted to generate the values in the table.

* = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Building permits

New Dwelling Units

TOWN OF BEDFORD

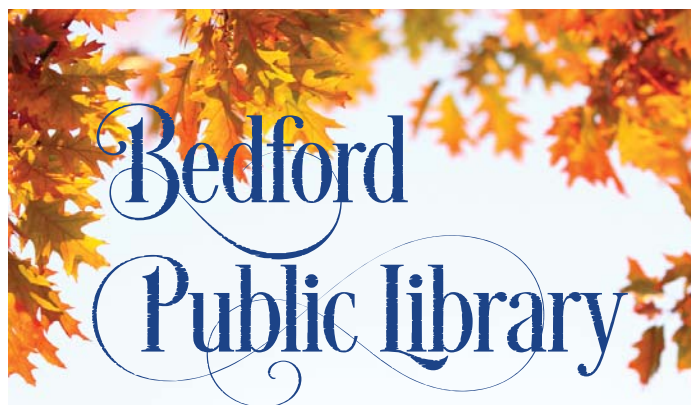
New Dwelling permits

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Single	20	20	33	18	25	40	23	27
Duplex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apartmts	0	0	0	167	0	0	144	182
TOTAL	20	20	33	185	25	40	167	209

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Certificates of Occupancy

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Single	26	22	33	20	20	29	24	22
Duplex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-family	5	4	11	1	0	0	0	0
Apartmts	85	0	0	0	167	0	0	108
TOTAL	116	26	44	21	187	29	24	130

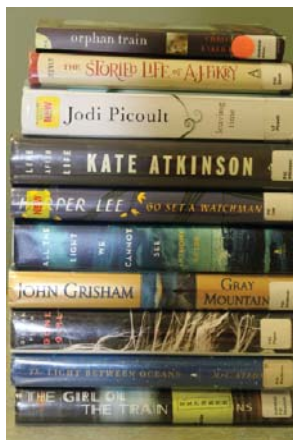


MARY ANN SENATRO, DIRECTOR

TRUSTEES: EDWARD MORAN, CHAIRMAN

ANTHONY FREDERICK, WALTER GALLO

The Bedford Public Library strives to be a welcoming place for the community. Our mission is to “provide access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library materials and services in a variety of formats and to be responsive to the needs of the community. Our mission also includes developing and maintain the library as the cultural and meeting center of Bedford.” We are a place to learn something new, find a good read, keep up with the news, work on a project, engage in a program or gather and meet. The library functions as a “third place” away from home to relax, read, study or access the internet on our computers or on your own device through our WiFi.



In 2015 we saw a steady increase in meeting room use at the library with an average of 100 reservations per month. The circulation of all materials remains steady. While print books still make up 64% of our circulation, audiobooks, DVDs and e-books continue to be popular with Bedford cardholders. We are here to promote the pleasure of reading and lifelong learning for all ages. In addition to print books we offer books in Large Print, audiobooks on CD and Playaways, downloadable audiobooks, e-books, movies, music, newspapers and more. We have quality collections, current information sources and professionally managed programs and services.

2015 was an exciting year for the energy efficiency future of the library. Working together with the Town Council, the Department of Public Works and the Energy Commission the library will have a new geothermal HVAC system installed in 2016. In June, the Governor and Executive Council awarded the Town of Bedford a Renewable Energy Fund grant of \$387,842. In combination with Town funds previously appropriated for an in-kind oil fired HVAC replacement system, the grant makes it possible to install a state of the art closed loop geothermal thermal system at the library. We are very excited to realize the investment payback and energy savings that this project will make possible. New LED lighting units were installed in the parking lot this year also.



We were thrilled to receive a donation of a MakerBot Replicator Desktop 3D printer from the Bedford Library Foundation and a supply of colored filament donated by the Friends of the Bedford Library. It has been quite a hit with patrons of all ages. Patrons participating in the Adult/Teen Summer Reading Challenge could choose an item made on the 3D printer as their mid-way prize and many, many did! We are planning information sessions and demonstrations using the printer in 2016 to give everyone an opportunity to learn about this new technology.

We started off the year with the introduction of a new “eLibrary” service called hoopla. Hundreds of music albums, audiobooks, movies and more are available to download through this digital service which can be accessed through a link on our website: www.bedfordnhlibrary.org. With a Bedford library card patrons may borrow up to 8 titles each month. Videos circulate for 72 hours, music circulates for 7 days and audiobooks circulate for 21 days. Titles are automatically returned so there are no late fees. We also added two new online databases: ConsumerReports.org and Value Line. Each database is accessed through the library website under “Reading & Research”.



The Children's Summer Reading Program was a great success this year with 951 children signed up to participate and they read 19,634 books! The theme this summer was, "Every Hero Has a Story". All events were well attended and the library was busy



all summer long. Performers this summer included: Toe Jam Puppet Band; Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals; Magician, Peter Boie; Critter 'n Creatures; and Funny Man, Keith Munslow. Throughout the summer we had many activities including weekly crafts and a Fun Faire. We had 150 people come out for the finale featuring, The Norman Ng Family Magic Show.

This summer we added a Mother Goose Story Time for infants and a Toddler 2's Story Time. All sessions were well attended and the addition of story times in the summer was greatly appreciated by patrons.

Our Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program, is growing each year. We had 158 adults signed up and 79 teens participate in the "Seven Book Challenge".

In the fall, our library joined with dozens of libraries in the state to begin a new initiative called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten". Experts agree that the most important thing you can do to prepare your children to learn to read and increase vocabulary is to read to them every day. We have lots of books to support this initiative and a free canvas tote bag after logging in the first 100 books read.

A new book group open to kids aged 9-12 started this year called, "Book Buzz". The children read a book for discussion, make a craft and enjoy snacks. Maddy, the fully trained and certified golden retriever therapy dog, is back with the "Paws to Read" program. Maddy listens patiently while the children read to her out loud each month. For more information about programming and what's new in the Children's Room make sure to follow the Children's Blog on the library website.



Programming highlights this year for adults included: Money Smart Week; Leen Lecture speaker, Bob Mankoff, the cartoon editor for The New Yorker; Knitting Fashion Show with host Marci Richardson of the Elegant Ewe; Library Foundation Gala with author, Andre Dubus III; the Bedford Boomers Model Train Show; Friends of the Library Sunday Concert Series; New Hampshire Humanities programs; Coloring for Relaxation; and three ongoing book discussion groups.

We experienced a few staffing changes in 2015.



Reference Librarian, Heather Murray left for a full time position at the Acton Library in Massachusetts. Library Clerk, Patricia Kline-Millard, completed her MLS degree and was promoted to part-time Reference Librarian. Allyson Glazier, part time Technical Services

Librarian, accepted a position at the UNH Manchester Library and Library Clerk, Angela Sylvia, was promoted to fill the position. Patricia Imbriano joined us as part-time Library Clerk in the fall.

We are grateful to the volunteers who assist the staff behind the scenes at the library. Many thanks to our volunteers this year: Laurie Heinz, Gene Holley, Jean McGiffin and Barbara Potter. Volunteers help sort book donations, organize the book sale room, cover new books, stamp book pockets and clean DVDs as well as other support tasks.



We are so thankful for the enduring support throughout the year of our patrons, staff, donors, Friends of the Bedford Library and Bedford Library Foundation Board. This support ensures a relevant, vibrant library that the community can be proud of. The Rotary Club of Bedford assisted with funding for performers and supplies for the Summer Reading Programs. The Bedford PTG sponsored the Museum of Science pass and the Bedford Women's Club and the Friends of the Library co-sponsored the NE Aquarium pass. The Bedford Garden Club supplied the pass to the Fells at Lake Sunapee and ensured that the library entryways were graced with flowers or wreaths every season. The Library Foundation raises funds during National Library week each year to purchase items for the library. In 2015, some of the many items they funded were: MakerBot 3D printer, Blu-Ray DVDs, audiobooks, e-book collection, Playaway Launchpad learning tablets for children and the printing of a new full color brochure called "Reference Guide to the Library." The Foundation sponsors many discount museum passes to Bedford cardholders: Children's Museum of NH, Currier Museum of Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Millyard Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Peabody Essex Museum, Seacoast Science Center, SEE Science Center, Castle in the Clouds and the Woodman Museum in Dover. Additional books are purchased each year in honor of community members or in memory of a loved



one. We are grateful to all of the local groups that donate to the library and appreciate their continued support.

In the coming year, we will be encouraging everyone to take advantage of all the library has to offer to support lifelong learning by offering reading materials and a trained staff to

guide you to the right book. We are here to support learning, innovation, community gathering and a place to enjoy peace and solitude. We welcome you to come and explore your beautiful, local library. Visit us in person or online at www.bedfordnhlibrary.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Senatro, Library Director



Library Statistics 2015

Books on accession (12/31/2014)	69,914
Books purchased:	4,580
Books donated:.....	308
Sub-total:.....	74,802
Books withdrawn:	3,552
Books on accession (12/31/2015)	71,250

Number of registered borrowers	9,609
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Library holdings (12/31/2015)

Books	71,250
Magazines	2,699
Audio books	2,787
Videos/DVDs	5,286
Compact discs	2,676
Total	84,698

Subscriptions

Magazines (titles).....	105
Newspapers (titles).....	12
Microfilm (1 title)	39 rolls

2015 Circulation Statistics

Books	205,872
Ebooks.....	13,559
Magazines	10,945
Compact Discs	10,079
Videos/DVDs	63,594
Audio Books	17,993
Museum Passes	1,128
Total	323,170
Electronic Resources Usage.....	222,568

Bedford Public Library Special Account

Cash on hand 1/1/15.....	46,527.72
Income:	
Book Sale	3,741.09
Copies/Fax/Printing	3,042.27
Gifts.....	2,102.00
Fines.....	12,676.01
Non-Resident Fees	600.00
Replacements	2,241.22
Interest.....	41.16
Grants.....	250.00

Total Income:	24,693.75
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Disbursements:.....	
Books and Media	6,920.50
Copiers/Printers.....	2,363.32
Library Enhancements	2,769.61
Miscellaneous	1,548.20
Programs	2,034.00

Total disbursements:	15,635.63
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Cash on hand 12/31/15.....	55,585.84
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Osberg Bequest Balance	66,798.83
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DICK RAWLINGS, CHAIRMAN

BILL JENNINGS, STATION MANAGER

COLEEN RICHARDSON, ASSISTANT STATION MANAGER

CHANNELS

16, 22 AND 23

Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town's local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has three channels. Channel 16 is for public programming; Channel 22 is for government programming and Channel 23 is for school education and information programming. Community television stations are referred to as "PEG Access" stations, which is an acronym for Public, Education, Government programming

BCTV is a department of the town of Bedford and is also governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of town residents and one representative from the town council and school board. The board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station. The station's mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information.

As stated, BCTV has three non-commercial broadcast channels. In addition the station also has video on demand and live streaming programming capability which can be accessed through the BCTV website at www.bedfordtv.com

Channel 16, the public channel is for general programs that entertain, inform and cover topics of interest that are produced by residents and non-

profit organizations in the community. Programs produced by other communities in the state as well as throughout the country are also incorporated into the schedule.

Channel 22 is dedicated to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. All government meetings are rebroadcast on an average of twice a day. The live meetings are streamed simultaneously on the station website and are also available for later viewing through the station's video on demand feature.

Channel 23, the education channel, broadcasts all Bedford school district related programming. School Board meetings are broadcast live on the channel and then scheduled for rebroadcast on Channel 23. School sports, concerts, non copyright plays, talent shows, classroom activities, graduations as well as educational lectures are broadcast on the channel. Live broadcasting capability exists at the high school field press box, theater, and gym.

All government and school board meetings are rebroadcast through BCTV's video on demand feature. The meetings are also indexed so viewers can go to an agenda item for quick video access. This chapter marking feature has become very popular with town and school board video on demand viewers.

BCTV also runs a community bulletin board for public service announcements. Any non-profit organization can have their notices posted. BCTV is a non-commercial station.

To submit a PSA go to the BCTV website and click on "Submit a PSA". PSA's can be both graphic slides and video public service announcements. The station's expanded capability to quickly produce video PSA's with the station's teleprompter and green screen setting makes it much more comfortable for non-profit organizations and government personnel to get their video messages out to the community quickly. The station's digital signage system remains very popular for those wishing to use the traditional graphic bulletin board to announce upcoming events or provide safety information.



In 2015 BCTV programming continued to expand as new local shows made their way on to the BCTV channels. Programming was also expanded to include shows from other New Hampshire community television stations using the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media video file sharing system. This also allows us to upload our volunteer producer's shows so that their program can be watched in other cities and towns as well. The BCTV weekly schedule can be found on the BCTV website at www.bedfordtv.com

In 2015 BCTV continued to work closely with the town's safety services; police and fire. Video PSA's as well as regular half hour programs were produced to help educate residents on fire safety and criminal protection. Services available to residents from both police and fire were also highlighted in the shows.

BCTV works closely with the Emergency Management Operations Center. Equipment has been installed which will allow for live broadcasts during times of emergency. The EMO has the capability to override all three channels in time of emergencies providing the community with live broadcast updates.

BCTV continues to upgrade its equipment to improve broadcast quality. HD production equipment has been added for higher quality field productions. The school board meeting room was upgraded for SDI/HD broadcast capability in 2015.

Construction on the Town's Low Power FM radio station began over the summer. The radio station call sign will be WBNH-LP and will be found on 105.1FM when the town officially receives its LPFM license from the FCC. The target for filing will be February, 2016. The radio station will be co-located with BCTV at 10 Meetinghouse Road. BCTV will have the responsibility of funding the radio station and overseeing station operations. The radio station will have a separate radio station manager

How is BCTV Funded? Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast, fund the operation of the station. Equipment purchases and all operational costs are paid for with franchise fees. Franchise fees

are also used to cover all costs for the town meeting room where all government meetings are held. This includes computers, video/audio equipment, lighting and room maintenance. Fees are also used to cover all building costs to include general repair maintenance both inside and outside of the building; heating and electrical costs, and all property repairs. Any major repairs or additions to the building are covered by these fees as well. No tax dollars are used to support the station or the town meeting room facility.

The agreement between Comcast and the town of Bedford does not preclude other cable providers from offering their services to the town and competing for the business. In fact it is encouraged. However, no other cable provider has shown interest. The new extension expires December 1st, 2018.

The station offers a wide variety of programming and encourages residents to volunteer to help cover events in town or simply to be a host or to learn how use the television equipment to produce your own show. Training is free and the staff is always here to help you get started quickly.

To learn more about BCTV and how you can get involved, contact either Bill Jennings or Coleen Richardson by calling 472-8288 or emailing us at bctv@bedfordtv.com the television equipment to produce your own show. Training is free and the staff is always here to help you get started quickly.

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BCTV

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Respectfully submitted,

Bill Jennings, Station Manager



MICHELLE CASALE, CHAIRMAN

JANE O'BRIEN, PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

The Parks and Recreation system for the Town is a combination of three groups, the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Parks & Recreation Department and the Parks Division which is part of the Public Works Department. All three entities play vital roles in fostering a sense of community for the Bedford residents.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of Bedford residents who volunteer their time to aid the Department in bringing programs and policies to the community. Through their efforts, all aspects of the Department's services, including passive and active recreation, are improved. The Commission has helped establish policies for the Town which they recommend to the Town Council for approval. The Commission has been supportive of their sub-committee (M.O.L.D.) Members of Outdoor League Discussion group who helps with field issues and field scheduling which the Commission then approves.

The Recreation Department helps provide programs to residents to meet and socialize with other organizations like the NH Fish & Game Department who offered two programs last year for our community one presentation was Let's Go Fishing - Basic Fishing information and Dave Mills a NH Fish & Game Wildlife Steward presented on the Black Bear Happenings in NH.

The Department strives to bring in new and exciting programs for people of all ages. The Department of-

fers a wide variety of recreational programs and offered this past year included fitness programs like Tai Chi, Pilates and Drop-In Meditation classes for Adults. Youth programs that included; Yoga for Kids, NH Lego League Master Builders Program and Girls on the Run. Ongoing Department favorites have included; Mad Science Afterschool Programs, Family Archery, Zumba GOLD, Ballroom Dancing and Yoga by Robert.

We offered two NEW Family events which included: "Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt" with a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Also the Department held a "Happy NOON Year's Eve Party" with entertainment by Mad Science "Fire & Ice Show" and a disco ball dropping at noon with a toasting of ginger ale and noisemakers which was well attended.

The Recreation Department and the Richard K. Harvell Post #8401 worked together to re-organize our Town's only parade which this year we held it on the Sunday before Memorial Day. We had many participants including members of the Bedford Town Council, Color Guards from the VFW Post, Bedford Fire Department and the Boy Scouts. This year's parade was in remembrance of Earl Isham who passed away and was the VFW Coordinator for the parade for a number of years. A plaque dedicated to Earl was presented to his wife Charlene Isham at the end of the parade ceremony held at McKelvie School followed by a concert by the NH National Guard Alumni Band on the McKelvie stage. This year's parade is scheduled for Sunday, May 29th @ 1 PM. Participants are always welcome just contact the Recreation Department for more information.

As the summer months approach the Recreation Department doesn't slow down as we offer many summer programs to residents. We offer a variety of summer camps including half-days or full days including our own Recreation Department Summer Day Camp known as Camp Witzel which offers 7-weeks of fun for boys and girls ages 6-13. We also offer a Counselor-In-Training (C.I.T.) program for teen's ages 14-16.



We also offer many specialty summer camps both half-day and full-days which are held at the Bedford Town Hall which included Lego Your Mind a robotics summer camp with topics like: Amusement Park Thrill Rides, Minecraft/Redstone Circuits and Robotics & Stop Motion Animation. We also hosted Mad Science Camps with topics that included: Rockin' Rockets & Fantastic Flight, Secret Agent Lab and Super, Duper, Science Samplers. We were also able to squeeze in a one week session of Wicked Cool for Kids -Vet School which was well attended.

The Bedford Memorial Pool opened again in June offering public swim times Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekend hours noon-5 p.m. The pool was also able to accommodate early morning and evening lap swimmers by offering two sessions, one at 7 a.m. and at 7 p.m. This is open to residents and non-residents ages 16+ for a half-hour lap swim. The Bedford Memorial Pool brings families together for some wholesome, affordable family entertainment. The facility allows visitors of all ages to enjoy swimming and safe water play with our kiddie splash pool and water slide.

The Family Cultural Series celebrated its 25th season and the children and parents in Town came out on Tuesday nights for family musical entertainment by entertainers like Ben Rudnick & Friends, Judy Pancoast, 4-Ever Fab "Beatles Music" and UNH "The Little Red Wagon" touring cast performed "What's all the comOCEAN" an underwater puppet musical adventure. Due to rainy weather conditions on Tuesdays this past summer all these concerts were held inside at the Bedford Town Hall rain location and attendance was still impressive.

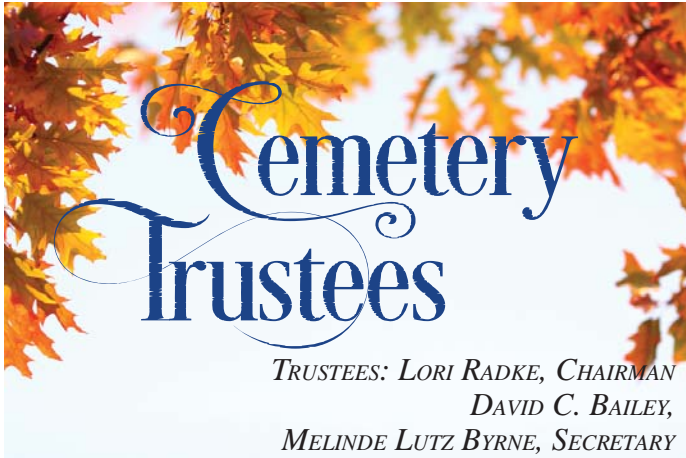
On Thursday nights at the Bedford Village Common on the Market Basket Bandstand we held "Concerts in the Park" which was well attended with musical groups including: The 39th NH Army National Guard Band, 60's Invasion, the Temple Community Band, Rob Oxford and the last of our series ended with King Chrome Acoustics. Visit the Recreation Department website at www.BedfordRecOnline.com for all the 2016 summer musical series.

On Tuesday, August 4th, we held our sixth annual "National Night Out" which is held the second Tuesday of August and promoted as America's Night Out Against Crime. This event allows an opportunity to promote police-community partnerships. This is a national event dates back to 1984 which is held the first Tuesday of August. The Town of Bedford started celebrating this event in 2010 with our first softball game participants matched up with the Bedford Police Department versus the Co-Ed Industrial Softball League. This year's event matched up two teams, the Bedford Police Department led by Officer Danielle Nightengale playing against members of the Bedford Fire Department led by FF Scott Hunter. We had a great evening of musical entertainment with the help of our emcee Steve Grocott, President of the Bedford Girls Softball League. Thank you to all who attended and looking to get more community support out there to cheer at our seventh annual event which will be held August 2, 2016.

Another big part of the Recreation Department is our Parks Division which falls under the supervision of the Public Works Director, Jim Stanford the Parks Division provides routine maintenance for all the Town's Recreational Facilities including the parks, trails, playground, athletic fields and pool. They also lend a hand with extra support for special Town-wide events like the Rotary Road Race, Memorial Day Parade and Bedford Olde Towne Day. A special thank you goes out to our Park's employees including Foreman Michael Fortier, Kenneth Bergeron and Nicholas Moss for an excellent job maintaining the Town's facilities this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane O'Brien, Parks and Recreation Manager

**LOTS SOLD**

Alden	2 place	\$1500
Donovan	4 place	\$3000
Dumaine Goldberg	4 place	\$3000
Fini	2 place	\$1500
Maguire White		
Juncker	4 place	\$3000
Moeckel	2 place	\$1500
Molano	2 place	\$1500
Sorge	2 place	\$1500
TOTAL		\$16,500

Lot Name Changes	2	\$900
LOTS RETURNED		NONE

1 Cremation and 5 Full Burials

The Cemetery Trustees Board, Lori Radke, Chairman, Melinde Lutz Byrne, and David C. Bailey, held seven specially scheduled meetings during 2015. The three trustees walked Bedford Center Cemetery numerous times between April and November and took note of needed repairs.

There were ten sale transactions in 2015; three four-burial lots, five two-burial lots, and two name additions to existing lots.

One trustee attended the 2015 Municipal Trustees Seminar for Cemetery Trustees by the Charitable Trusts Unit of the New Hampshire Attorney General and shared the documentation received there with the other Bedford trustees.

Some of the accomplishments in 2015 include:

- Continuation of tree and brush removal from cemetery borders
- Continuation of irrigation repair and maintenance
- Negotiated new maintenance contract
- Installed four attractive granite posts at Bedford Center Cemetery's two main entrances
- Identified and caused removal of dead trees, branches, and invasive bushes

The trustees would like to thank PJ Flower Shop, Bedford Garden Club, Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries, Jim Stanford, Paul Belanger, and the Department of Public Works for their many generous actions that have enhanced Bedford's cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinde Lutz Byrne,
Secretary



*JOAN McMAHAN, CHAIRMAN
SUSAN FAHEY, ELLEN BOSTWICK*

The Supervisors would like to thank the Town Clerk and Clerks for their assistance in the registration application process throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
*Joan McMahon, Chairman
Susan Fahey
Ellen Bostwick*

As of December, 2015, the Checklist recorded the following:

3,003 Democrats
7,154 Republicans
5,151 Undeclared

For a total of 15,308 Registered Voters

Current checklists are available at the Library and in the lobby of the Town Offices.

Supervisors of the Checklist hold evening and Saturday sessions for voter registration applications and corrections to the checklist prior to each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, on the Town website (www.bedfordnh.org), on BCTV and advertised in a local newspaper in compliance with state law. Residents are welcome to apply for voter registration and make name, address and party changes at the Town Offices during regular business hours. Bedford residents may register and vote at the Polls on Election Day.

For further information regarding the duties of the Supervisors of the Checklist please visit the Town website, contact the Supervisors through e-mail at checklist@bedfordnh.org or call 603 792-1329.



It has been my pleasure serving as your Town Clerk and I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Radke, Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS

Debits:

UCC Filings.....	2,580.00
Certified Copies.....	7,860.00
Marriage Licenses.....	4,275.00
Dredge & Fill/Pole Licenses	110.00
Articles of Agreement	5.00
Miscellaneous	685.50
Total Debits	\$15,515.50

Credits Remitted to Treasurer\$15,515.50

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

Debits:

Licenses Issued.....	20,132.50
License Penalties	672.50
Dog Violations.....	2,150.00
Total Debits	\$22,955.00

Credits Remitted to Treasurer

Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer\$38,470.50

ELECTION RESULTS

Annual Town Meeting-March 10, 2015

Registered Voters	15,322
Total Ballots Cast.....	2,756
Absentee Voters	108
New Registrants.....	69

In 2015 we licensed 3,372 dogs and conducted one town/school election. The office administered 605 vital records and 84 marriage licenses.

Nikki was voted in as TOP DOG for 2015. She did a fantastic job representing the town. On April 25th we held our 6th Annual Bow Wow Bedford Rabies Clinic at the Animal Rescue League. It was a huge success. The town of Goffstown was also in attendance. I would like to thank Steve Paul, Animal Control Officer, Karen Fischer, Debra Zemaitis, Lee Boissonneault, and Jeanette Vinton, window clerks, for all their help in licensing dogs and educating the public.



I would like to thank Brian Shaughnessy, Town Moderator, Bill Klein, School District Moderator, all the Assistant Moderators, Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of the Checklist, Bedford Police and Public Works Departments, and School Custodians for all their hard work in making our state, town and school elections run smoothly and without incident.

I would like to thank Rick Sawyer, Acting Town Manager, the Bedford Town Council and Dawn Boufford, Executive Assistant, for their assistance throughout the year. A special thank you to Paula Talmanson, Deputy Town Clerk, for her many of years of service to the town clerk.

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Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
HO, QUINN ISABELLA	01/14/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	HO, GEOFFREY	HO, MEGAN
MCCARRON, ELEANOR ROSE	01/21/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCARRON, MICHAEL	MCCARRON, ASHLEY
ANDERSON, AIDEN LAWRENCE ROBERT	01/22/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	ANDERSON, MICHAEL	MURPHY, PATRICIA
NEEDHAM, CADEN JACOB	02/12/2015	NASHUA, NH	NEEDHAM, PETER	NEEDHAM, KENSIE
KING, REILLY JAMES	02/18/2015	LEBANON, NH	KING, BRANDON	KING, KATHRYN
LECOLST, PORTER KATHERINE	02/23/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	LECOLST, PATRICK	LECOLST, DANIELLE
YORK, THEODORE WILLIAM	03/02/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	YORK, KYLE	YORK, KATHERINE
MILLER, FINNIAN THOMAS	03/04/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	MILLER, CYRUS	SNAPE, ERICA
KIRBY, CLARA MAE	03/15/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	KIRBY, MICHAEL	KIRBY, ERICA
MONROE, WILLIAM THOMAS	03/23/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	MONROE, SEAN	MONROE, SARAH
FERNANDES, KAI SCHIECK	03/24/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	FERNANDES, CRISTIANO	SCHIECK, ERIKA
SERGE, ASHER LEONARD	03/24/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	SERGE, MATTHEW	LEONARD, CELIA
BISHOP, DANIELLE JOHANNA	03/27/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	BISHOP, DANIEL	WOODS, TAAHIRA ANN
NIX, LANDON DAVID	04/03/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	NIX, RYAN	NIX, AMANDA
LAPOINTE, VIRGINIA RUTH	04/07/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	LAPOINTE, SCOTT	LAPOINTE, AMY
CHUGHTAI, ANISA	04/07/2015	NASHUA, NH	CHUGHTAI, SHAHZAD	CHUGHTAI, KELLY
MARLOW, NOAH GREGORY	04/11/2015	NASHUA, NH	MARLOW, SEAN	MARLOW, GREIA
DOYLE, MARGARET EVANGELINE	04/20/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	DOYLE, MATTHEW	DOYLE, EMILY
LABBE, FIONA MARIE	04/20/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	LABBE, DENNIS	LABBE, MICHELLE
ROY, GIULIANNA JOYCE	04/28/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	ROY, NICHOLAS	KUPER, JUSTINE
HUGHES, BENJAMIN MARTIN	04/30/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	HUGHES, DAVID	HUGHES, MAUREEN
RAUDALES AGUILAR, ROBERTO CARLOS	05/17/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	RAUDALES MEJIA, ROBERTO	AGUILAR MORALES, HEIDY
THIBAUT, CAMERON GREGORY	05/18/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	THIBAUT, ADAM	THIBAUT, LAUREN
AMROCK, THOMAS GEORGE	05/22/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	AMROCK, JASON	AMROCK, AMY
DROUIN, CHARLOTTE JUNE	06/01/2015	PORTSMOUTH, NH	DROUIN, ROBERT	DROUIN, LAUREN
DEPETRILLO, PEYTON CORREIA	06/06/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	DEPETRILLO, DAVID	DEPETRILLO, KELLY
REESE, JOHN FRANCIS	06/11/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	REESE, JODY	REESE, AMY
REESE, JAMES THEODORE	06/11/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	REESE, JODY	REESE, AMY
RACZKA, OLIVIA EMERY	06/22/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	RACZKA, JOSEPH	RACZKA, CHRISTINA
TORRES, ADELINE KATE SCHEOPNER	06/24/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	TORRES, RYAN	TORRES, AUBREY
BUCK, REED PATRICK	06/30/2015	NASHUA, NH	BUCK, ERIC	BUCK, BROOKE
RINCAN, JULIETTE CAROLINE	07/03/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	RINCAN, PETER	RINCAN, KELLY
NUNEZ, RYAN CARLOS	07/12/2015	NASHUA, NH	NUNEZ, JULIO	ALLAIRE-NUNEZ, MICHELLE
O'CONNELL, MACKLIN SCOTT	07/27/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	O'CONNELL, SCOTT	O'CONNELL, PAMELA
LEMAY, CAMERON ROBERT	08/03/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	LEMAY, MATTHEW	GARVEY, RACHAEL

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AUSTIN, DAVIS SCOTT	08/06/2015	NASHUA, NH	AUSTIN, MATTHEW	AUSTIN, KRISTIN
AGUIAR, JOSEPHINE IRIS	08/14/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	AGUIAR, MATTHEW	AGUIAR, MARYJO
CRAWFORD, CARLY JOAN	08/18/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	CRAWFORD, TYLER	CRAWFORD, RENEE
CRAWFORD, REESE IRENE	08/18/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	CRAWFORD, TYLER	CRAWFORD, RENEE
SINGH, ANUSHA	08/20/2015	NASHUA, NH	SINGH, VIVEK	KATARIA, SHIVANI
WALSH, EVERLY FARYN	08/21/2015	CONCORD, NH	WALSH, SEAN	MOZZILLO, PATRICIA
DONEGAN, JOHN PATRICK	08/23/2015	NASHUA, NH	DONEGAN, PATRICK	DONEGAN, TIFFANY
RIVINIUS, JASPER WILLIAM	08/26/2015	BEDFORD, NH	RIVINIUS, GREGG	RIVINIUS, EMILY
LACHANCE, EMALINE MAE	09/08/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	LACHANCE, MARC	LACHANCE, KATE
AUBIN, EVERETT MATTHEW	10/15/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	AUBIN, MATTHEW	AUBIN, ANGELA
CAMPBELL, VICTORIA GRACE	10/27/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	CAMPBELL, DANIEL	CAMPBELL, OLEKSANDRA
GACH, JAXON ROGER	11/12/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	GACH, GARY	GACH, GENEVIEVE
ELLIOTT, ELLA MARIE	11/30/2015	NASHUA, NH		ELLIOTT, LAURA
DOHERTY, FIANNA MARY	12/20/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	DOHERTY, SEAN	DOHERTY, KAREN
ROPER, SCARLETT ELIZABETH	12/24/2015	MANCHESTER, NH	ROPER, JEFFREY	ROPER, KAYLEIGH

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BERRY, CARROLL E CONOVER, NC	ROBICHAUD, KATHY A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NEW BOSTON	01/24/2015
MAGEE, MICHAEL K BEDFORD, NH	GAUDETTE, CYNTHIA A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/07/2015
REILLS, GEOFFREY D BEDFORD, NH	BANNON, JESSICA M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AMHERST	04/24/2015
WEIDACHER, WILLIAM P BEDFORD, NH	DAVIDSON, DIANE BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/01/2015
CORRIVEAU, CRAIG R BEDFORD, NH	VALLEE, KAREN L BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/09/2015
BUDD-CONSTANTINE, JENNIFER M BEDFORD, NH	ZAHER, CHRISTOPHER D BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	CONCORD	05/09/2015
AIMES, DANIEL M BEDFORD, NH	WARNER, BRITTNEY L MARLOW, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/14/2015
KIDDER JR, KENNETH C BEDFORD, NH	LYNN, BONNIE R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WHITEFIELD	05/15/2015
ELL, RICHARD N BEDFORD, NH	MASEWIC, MELISSA A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/17/2015
CANALI, SUZANNE K BEDFORD, NH	WOODCOCK, JONATHAN R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/22/2015
ZIEMBA, STANLEY G MANCHESTER, NH	ROGIER, DIANE J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/05/2015

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PIRHALLA, MARYANN BEDFORD, NH	FREEMAN, SAMUEL P BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/13/2015
WIGGIN, GLENN R BEDFORD, NH	DOUCET, CATHLEEN C BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/27/2015
TURNBULL, ANDREW D BEDFORD, NH	SANTIAGO TOCA, CATHERINE M SAN JUAN, PR	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/27/2015
TRAFTON, SUSAN M BEDFORD, NH	CHARLES, MCKENSON M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/27/2015
DEARBORN, SARA L BEDFORD, NH	STANTON, PAUL J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/27/2015
MCKONE, GAGE M BEDFORD, NH	DURKEE, SAMANTHA L NASHUA, NH	NASHUA	PITTSBURG	06/27/2015
LAVOIE, JACK R BEDFORD, NH	PARKER, LISA A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	CANDIA	07/03/2015
MARTINEAU, DAVID M BEDFORD, NH	GAGNE, NICOLE P BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AUBURN	07/18/2015
DUNLAP, MICHAEL J BEDFORD, NH	LEGRO, LISA A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/25/2015
SCARPINO JR, DAVID A BEDFORD, NH	LARSEN, HOPE A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	07/31/2015
WRIGHT, CHRISTOPHER E BEDFORD, NH	WAMSLEY, KARA A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	ATKINSON	08/01/2015

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HEMEON, NICOLE M BEDFORD, NH	NAPPEN, ETHAN F BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	08/08/2015
PICARDI, ROBERT F BEDFORD, NH	DANIELS, DONNA M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/11/2015
DANIELSON, KURT R PORTSMOUTH, NH	WERTHEIM, CARYN A BEDFORD, NH	AMHERST	AMHERST	08/22/2015
DELANEY, DAVID M BEDFORD, NH	BLACK REYNOLDS, KATHLEEN A WILLMINGTON, MA	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	08/23/2015
ROY, TESSA P BEDFORD, NH	VINNACOMBE, ANDREW M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HENNIKER	08/29/2015
BILLODEAU, MICHAEL D BEDFORD, NH	MERRILL, KELSEY E HOOKSETT, NH	HOOKSETT	BEDFORD	09/04/2015
PROVOST, PIERRE G BEDFORD, NH	CARRIER, SUZANNE E BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/12/2015
AMIRALT, PETER J BEDFORD, NH	MCINTIRE, KRISTIN A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	CARROLL	09/12/2015
KARAMANOOGIAN, KYLE M BEDFORD, NH	MCLAUGHLIN, HANNAH M BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/12/2015
SILVA, MICHAEL A BEDFORD, NH	DEYO, AUTUMN J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/12/2015
TANGUAY, LAUREN M BEDFORD, NH	SCHMIDT, DRAGO BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/14/2015

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SULLIVAN, MICHELLE D BEDFORD, NH	HARKINS, JONATHAN R BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HOLLIS	09/26/2015
RAMOS, MELISSA S BEDFORD, NH	ROY, MATTHEW J BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	10/16/2015
MORGAN, KRISTEN L BEDFORD, NH	MACISAAC, JOHNSTON J METHUEN, MA	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/31/2015
WISEMAN, MARYFRANCES BEDFORD, NH	MUIR, DEBORAH A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	11/07/2015
SODERQUIST, SCOTT W BEDFORD, NH	PORTER, REBECCA L BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/20/2015
SHAH, ABHISHEK H BEDFORD, NH	PRADHAN, AMBIKA HOOKSETT, NH	BEDFORD	HAMPTON FALLS	11/23/2015
LEFRANCOIS, LEO E BEDFORD, NH	GOSS, EVELYN G BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/03/2015
RIDLEY, JEMAR BEDFORD, NH	SURIEL RAMIREZ, ANYOLINA A BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	12/05/2015
BARTA IV, FRANCIS J BEDFORD, NH	JOHANSEN, JENNIFER BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AMHERST	12/05/2015
CHARBONNEAU, SARAH N BEDFORD, NH	SULLIVAN, DANIEL C MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	DOVER	12/31/2015

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Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
MURPHY, ROBERT	01/04/2015	MANCHESTER	MURPHY, PATRICK	MULROY, MARY ANN	Y
NORTON, KEVIN	01/06/2015	BEDFORD	NORTON, THOMAS	HIGGINS, BERNICE	N
LEVESQUE, ERNEST	01/07/2015	BEDFORD	LEVESQUE, RAOUL	BELANGER, LILLIAN	Y
DESILETS, JOHN	01/07/2015	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	Y
MORRIS, MARY	01/11/2015	BEDFORD	CONLEY, JACOB	SOUDERS, ZULA	N
BESSETTE, CLARENCE	01/11/2015	BEDFORD	BESSETTE, LEO	GAGNE, MELINA	Y
LUNSFORD, DOUGLAS	01/12/2015	MANCHESTER	LUNSFORD, ROBERT	COOK, CAROLE	N
JOYCE SR, NORRIS	01/19/2015	BEDFORD	JOYCE, JOSEPH	FISHER, NELLIE	Y
FRAZIER III, PRINCE	01/19/2015	MANCHESTER	FRAZIER, JOHN	WILLIAMS, EULA	U
RECHNER, FRANK	01/24/2015	GOFFSTOWN	RECHNER, FERRI	SCHAFER, ELIZABETH	N
BIEDERMAN, FRANCES	01/29/2015	BEDFORD	MAYO, ALBERT	MCLAUGHLIN, FRANCES	N
O'BRIEN SR, DONALD	01/30/2015	BEDFORD	O'BRIEN, DONALD	THOMAS, ALTHA	N
STUART, ELIZABETH	01/31/2015	MANCHESTER	HALL, VICTOR	KEITH, MARJORIE	N
DUBE JR, JOSEPH	01/31/2015	BEDFORD	DUBE SR, JOSEPH	LABBE, DELIA	Y
DEGEORGE, JOSEPH	01/31/2015	BEDFORD	DEGEORGE, FRANCESCO	RUSSO, MARY	Y
DESCHENE, APRIL	02/01/2015	BEDFORD	DESCHENE, ALPHONSE	HILL, OLIVE	N
DELISLE, VIOLETTE	02/05/2015	BEDFORD	COURTIER, ALEXIS	AUBIN, MARION	N
LEARY, JOAN	02/06/2015	BEDFORD	HUGHES, EDWARD	DOHERTY, DELIA	N



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FOURNIER, ESTELLE	02/06/2015	BEDFORD	CERE, ARTHUR	DROLET, CECILE	N
KNITTEL, ALFRED	02/07/2015	BEDFORD	KNITTEL, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, GERTRUDE	Y
PATE, CAROLYN	02/11/2015	GOFFSTOWN	ILICH, DENNIS	JANCSO, DAISY	N
BRADBARD, GERALD	02/11/2015	BEDFORD	BRADBARD, JACOB	SPEVACK, SARA	N
CREIGHTON, MIRIAM	02/14/2015	BEDFORD	HICKMAN, ARTHUR	CRAWFORD, MARIE	Y
KIMBALL, ELIZABETH	02/15/2015	CONCORD	FISANICK, STEVE	ZAGATA, MARY	N
LAUGHLIN, MAURA	02/18/2015	CONCORD	LAUGHLIN, RALPH	CASHIN, KATHLEEN	N
CHARRON, IRENE	02/20/2015	BEDFORD	LEBARRE, DENERI	LEMAY, ROSE	N
YAQUIS, FRANK	02/24/2015	MANCHESTER	YAQUIS, CHRISTOPHER	MAURER, EDITH	N
O'REILLY JR, JOHN	02/25/2015	MANCHESTER	O'REILLY SR, JOHN	WRIGHT, HELEN	Y
SETTLE, ELEANOR	02/25/2015	BEDFORD	MOORE, EUGENE	UNKNOWN, EDNA	N
GAUDIO, BEATRICE	02/26/2015	BEDFORD	CANIGLIA, ETTORE	CINALLI, LOUISA	N
GRADY, THERESA	03/01/2015	MERRIMACK	DAIGNEAULT, DAVID	COTE, MARIA	N
GATES JR, CHARLES	03/01/2015	MANCHESTER	GATES SR, CHARLES	CATTELL, ANNA	Y
ROUSSELLE, WILLIAM	03/07/2015	BEDFORD	ROUSSELLE, HENRY	CADORETTE, YVONNE	N
STEVENS, BEULAH	03/07/2015	BEDFORD	PITTS, WALDO	BOWEN, MARION	N
AIKEN, EDWARD	03/08/2015	MERRIMACK	AIKEN, JUDSON	REAGAN, HELEN	Y
KOLIFRATH, DONALD	03/11/2015	BEDFORD	KOLIFRATH, WILLIAM	GUILMETTE, IRENE	N

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KENNEDY, SHIRLEY	03/12/2015	BEDFORD	LEBOUEF, JOSEPH	MARTIN, FLORA	N
TEICHMANN, CLAIRE	03/15/2015	BEDFORD	KARKUTT, WILLIAM	ZAHN, CLARA	N
ADAMS, DOROTHY	03/23/2015	GOFFSTOWN	MAHONEY, ALFRED	SMITH, RUTH	N
WALKER, MYRTLE	03/26/2015	BEDFORD	COOPER, JULIUS	CAIN, REBECCA	N
PARKER, PAULINE	03/27/2015	BEDFORD	NADEAU, JOSEPH	TURMEL, ROSE	N
RAINVILLE, ELAINE	03/28/2015	BEDFORD	RAINVILLE, ROGER	CLARK, MARGURITTE	N
OBUKHOV, ELIZABETH	03/28/2015	BEDFORD	OBUKHOV, ALEXEV	BULEAUV, NINA	N
OBUKHOV, KATHERINE	03/28/2015	BEDFORD	OBUKHOV, ALEXEV	BULAEV, NINA	N
OBUKHOV, NINA	03/28/2015	BEDFORD	BULAEV, YURIY	BULAEVA, MARINA	N
SCHULMAN, JEROME	03/30/2015	BEDFORD	SCHULMAN, BEN	GUTTMAN, BERTHA	N
HERZOG, MARY	03/31/2015	BEDFORD	MIGLIORE, BERNARD	ARENA, AGATHA	N
VAIL, JACKSON	04/03/2015	BEDFORD	VAIL, H JACKSON	BROWNELL, HALLIE	Y
GREGORY, RICHARD	04/05/2015	BEDFORD	GREGORY, RAYMOND	ALLEN, KATHERINE	Y
ASADOORIAN, NELLIE	04/07/2015	GOFFSTOWN	GAGOIAN, KRIKOR	GARABEDIAN, ELIZABETH	N
MIHAL, FAITH	04/07/2015	MANCHESTER	LARO, ARTHUR	LESTER, FAITH	N
CARTER, ANN	04/11/2015	BEDFORD	WALEN, E	BUBAR, BLANCHE	N
HOUGHTON, MARION	04/13/2015	BEDFORD	STOVER, JOHN	GILBRIDE, MARION	N
MIGNEAULT, REJEANNE	04/14/2015	MERRIMACK	ROY, THOPHILE	POULIN, ALVINA	N





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DONAHUE, LELIA	04/14/2015	MERRIMACK	CORTI, ALPHONSO	OGNI, ELISANA	N
SIMON, DAVID	04/15/2015	BEDFORD	SIMON, WILLIAM	SIGNOR, DOROTHY	Y
FEHELEY, PAUL	04/17/2015	BEDFORD	FEHELEY, PAUL	SHIELDS, MARGARET	N
MACDONALD, MARION	04/17/2015	BEDFORD	MACDONALD, FRANK	BROWN, LILLIAN	N
JOHRDE, PAUL	04/17/2015	BEDFORD	JOHRDE, SIGURD	DANNER, GRACE	Y
ASBURY SR, LLOYD	04/19/2015	MANCHESTER	ASBURY, JOHN	ROY, ELLA	Y
HALPIN, DAN	04/22/2015	BEDFORD	HALPIN SR, DAN	HYLAND, MARGARET	U
GOUDREAU, LILLIAN	04/23/2015	MANCHESTER	BOISVERT, ALBERT	BOURASSA, FLORIDA	N
RONAN, PAULA	04/24/2015	BEDFORD	EMMONS, FRANCIS	OSGOOD, ALICE	N
COUTURE, LUCILLE	04/30/2015	BEDFORD	GUILLETTE, TELESPHORE	PLANTE, LUCIA	N
DUROCHER, CURTIS	05/01/2015	BEDFORD	DUROCHER, ROGER	MARCOUX, PAULINE	N
KUHL, MARGARET	05/02/2015	BEDFORD	TAPPENDEN, LEONARD	SWEETING, MARGARET	N
DUBE, CLAUDETTE	05/02/2015	BEDFORD	RENAUD, LIONEL	BOUCHARD, EVA	N
LANGLOIS JR, RAYMOND	05/02/2015	MANCHESTER	LANGLOIS, RAYMOND	KOEHLER, ESTHER	N
BUSSIÈRE, CARMELINE	05/04/2015	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
PATRYN, DOROTHY	05/04/2015	MANCHESTER	O'NEIL, TIMOTHY	RILEY, AGNES	N
MADDOX, MARY	05/05/2015	BEDFORD	MADDOX, ERNEST	KANE, SADIE	N
IRIZARRY, ANGIE	05/08/2015	BEDFORD	RODRIGUEZ, ARCADIO	MANGUAL, TOMASA	N



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BILLINGS, ROBERT	05/10/2015	BEDFORD	BILLINGS, GEORGE	HORAN, RITA	U
YOUNG, CHARLES	05/14/2015	CONCORD	YOUNG, BERNARD	DAMOUR, THERESE	N
SULLIVAN, JOHN	05/17/2015	BEDFORD	SULLIVAN JR, JOHN	MOONEY, LORRAINE	Y
KOWALSKI, LAURA	05/20/2015	BEDFORD	ZUKOWSKI, ALEXANDER	DAWID, MARIANNA	N
HOGSETT, TONY	05/21/2015	MANCHESTER	HOGSETT, CAROLL	DANEALT, ANNETTE	N
BURR, BEVERLEY	05/21/2015	BEDFORD	BAILEY, CLIFFORD	LITTLE, HELEN	N
CALLAHAN, BARBARA	05/22/2015	BEDFORD	WAGNER, CHARLES	MULKERN, ANNA	Y
HYMOWITZ, IDA	05/26/2015	BEDFORD	STATMAN, BENJAMIN	STAMER, PAULINE	N
PROVENCHER, LILLIAN	05/26/2015	BEDFORD	BOURBEAU, OVILA	VALLEE, EVA	N
JOBIN, PAUL	05/29/2015	MERRIMACK	JOBIN, HENRY	DESMAIRIS, MARY	Y
DRESSER, JACK	05/29/2015	BEDFORD	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	N
LACHANCE, CHERYL	06/01/2015	MANCHESTER	STEFANIS, GEORGE	MEIJER, VIVIANNE	N
SYLVAIN, RITA	06/02/2015	BEDFORD	ST HILAIRE, OMER	LAGUEUX, EUGENIE	N
PROVENCHER, LAURENT	06/03/2015	MANCHESTER	PROVENCHER, ALBERT	LESSARD, ANNETTE	Y
MARC-AURELE, ROSEMARY	06/03/2015	BEDFORD	CAPONE, ARTHUR	CONNOLLOY, MARGARET	N
COSTA, FLORENCE	06/03/2015	MANCHESTER	COSTA, MANUEL	JESUS, MARIA	N
SHEA JR, GERALD	06/05/2015	BEDFORD	SHEA SR, GERALD	MOURIN, FERNADE	N
TOMPKINS, RALPH	06/08/2015	MERRIMACK	TOMPKINS, RALPH	DUHEAUMES, SUE	Y



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BADGER, COLLEEN	06/10/2015	MANCHESTER	COUTIS, CHRIS	O'NEIL, RUTH	N
BROWN, CAROL	06/14/2015	BEDFORD	MEADOWS, WILLIAM	SOUCY, THERESA	N
JOBIN, LAURA	06/21/2015	MANCHESTER	MURRAY, LESTER	RUNNELLS, CORA	N
PROCTOR, MABEL	06/22/2015	BEDFORD	ROSE, EDGAR	WILLIAMS, VIOLA	N
KLINE, DAVID	06/23/2015	BEDFORD	KLINE, JOSEPH	GEWIRTZ, BEATRICE	N
SLEATH, JUDITH	07/06/2015	BEDFORD	PARMELEE, BURTON	DOHERTY, LUCILLE	N
HALVATZES SR, JOHN	07/06/2015	MERRIMACK	HALVATZES, KOSTAS	GANATSIYOU, ANNA	N
MARSZAL, MARY	07/07/2015	GOFFSTOWN	MACCARONE, NICHOLAS	SYLVESTRI, ROSE	N
MANN, EVA	07/10/2015	BEDFORD	DURRELL, GUY	SNOWMAN, ADDIE	N
SIEGFRIED, MARY	07/10/2015	MERRIMACK	MUNNEKE, ALVIN	GLYENN, KATHERINE	N
ASBURY, BRIAN	07/13/2015	MANCHESTER	ASBURY SR, LLOYD	RIENDEAU, EDNA	N
SAAD, MICHAEL	07/16/2015	BEDFORD	SAAD, NASIF	BARAKAT, WADEHA	Y
PENTA, RICHARD	07/30/2015	BEDFORD	PENTA, MICHAEL	VACCARO, JOSEPHINE	Y
POOLER, JUNE	07/31/2015	BEDFORD	POOLER, LAURIER	RICHARDS, ALICE	N
DONCKERS, PAULINE	07/31/2015	BEDFORD	PARTRIDGE, HAROLD	NEAL, THELMA	N
KOYIADES, ZISIS	08/03/2015	BEDFORD	KOYIADES, JAMES	CHRISTOU, OLIADI	Y
MCCURDY, DORIS	08/03/2015	BEDFORD	MILLER, JAMES	GLIDDEN, ROSIE	N
DILL JR, RALPH	08/03/2015	MANCHESTER	DILL, RALPH	LYNAM, MARY JANE	N

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SPECTOR, GLADYS	08/03/2015	BEDFORD	PEDERSEN, ANDERS	FRAZIER, GLADYS	N
ROSS SR, DONALD	08/04/2015	BEDFORD	ROSS, HERBERT	SHARON, KATHERINE	N
DE ROCHER, RAYMOND	08/06/2015	BEDFORD	DE ROCHER, JAMES	CRONIN, HAZEL	Y
HATFIELD, YVONNE	08/06/2015	BEDFORD	RADWAY, MERTON	MENNINGER, ETHEL	N
ALLEN, MARTHA	08/07/2015	BEDFORD	SHREVE, SEWELL	AMEN, VERA	N
BARDWAJ, RAVI	08/09/2015	BEDFORD	KESHAVIAH, HOSKOTE	RAU, NEELA	N
TUPPER, JUNE	08/10/2015	BEDFORD	WINTERHEIMER, SIMON	NIEHAUS, MATILDA	N
MARTELLO, STEVEN	08/17/2015	BEDFORD	MARTELLO, MARIO	UNKNOWN, MILDRED	N
VIENS, FLORENCE	08/19/2015	BEDFORD	VIENS, OLIVER	BERGERON, JEANNETTE	N
CLARK, NANCY	08/19/2015	BEDFORD	LAURETTI, ROBERT	FREDEN, JEAN	N
MUNDY, LILLIAN	08/20/2015	CONCORD	CARIGNAN, ARCHILLE	DUPERRON, JULIETTE	N
LITZ JR, WILLIAM	09/02/2015	BEDFORD	LITZ SR, WILLIAM	NEWMARKER, CORRINE	Y
BLAKE, HANNAH	09/02/2015	BEDFORD	BLAKE, MATTHEW	HAGERTY, PATRICIA	N
WINTER, MARIE	09/03/2015	BEDFORD	WINTER, HENRY	MEYER, TILLIE	N
BRAWLEY, LOU	09/04/2015	MANCHESTER	MCCALEB, JOHN	BAKER, GRACE	N
TOSH JR, DAVID	09/05/2015	BEDFORD	TOSH SR, DAVIS	SAWYERS, CATHERINE	Y
CORMIER, DOROTHY	09/06/2015	BEDFORD	CORMIER, CLARENCE	BALDWIN, KATHERINE	N
GEER, ROSE	09/07/2015	BEDFORD	LAPORTE, JOSEPH	EMMETT, VIOLA	N



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SHAKA, GEORGE	09/07/2015	GOFFSTOWN	SHAKA, JAMES	HONDROMITROU, RITA	Y
OUELLETTE, ALAN	09/08/2015	MANCHESTER	OUELLETTE, ROGER	CYR, NORMA	N
LOTTER, RUDOLF	09/10/2015	MERRIMACK	LOTTER, ALFONS	SCHLOER, ELEANORE	Y
FINI, CAROL	09/12/2015	MANCHESTER	MOSHER, EDWARD	VIERA, LAURIE	N
TEUNAS, JAMES	09/19/2015	MERRIMACK	TEUNAS, JOHN	BELL, MARGARET	N
AUSTILL, VIRGINIA	09/19/2015	BEDFORD	DOLE, ABRAM	UPHAM, BESSIE	N
BANTIS, GEORGE	09/26/2015	MANCHESTER	BANTIS, JOHN	MOULTON, JESSIE	N
LEARY, PATRICIA	09/30/2015	BEDFORD	MACISAAC, DUNCAN	HERLIHY, ROSE	N
WESTWATER, VIVIAN	09/30/2015	BEDFORD	KURTZNER, HARRY	WASSELL, ELIZABETH	N
DEMERS, MADELEINE	10/08/2015	BEDFORD	DUMONT, ARTHUR	BERGERON, EMMA	N
TATTERSALL, HUBERT	10/09/2015	BEDFORD	TATTERSALL, HUBERT	TAYLOR, IDA	Y
HOBSON, LUCILLE	10/12/2015	BEDFORD	LAMY, CHARLES	BOUCHER, AURORE	N
FIELD, CHARLES	10/17/2015	MERRIMACK	FIELD, JOHN	BALDWIN, AGNES	Y
BYRNE, ROBERT	10/17/2015	MANCHESTER	BYRNE, THOMAS	GRAHAM, JEAN	N
LALIBERTE, JEANNE	10/18/2015	BEDFORD	LUSSIER, WILLIAM	PAYETTE, JEANNETTE	N
BELLEROSSE, KENNETH	10/20/2015	BEDFORD	BELLEROSSE, ORVILLE	MASTERMAN, MARJORIE	N
MULLEN, GERALYNN	10/21/2015	BEDFORD	MULLEN, JOHN	TERRIEN, LUCILLE	U
TROTTA, DORIS	10/25/2015	BEDFORD	GAGNON, EDMUND	OUELLETTE, EUGENIE	N

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CONNOR, LAWTON	11/05/2015	BEDFORD	CONNOR, LEROY	BROWN, FREDA	Y
BOGGESS, JAMES	11/06/2015	BEDFORD	BOGGESS, EDWARD	HILL, AGNES	N
MORGAN, JOHN	11/08/2015	BEDFORD	MORGAN, JOHN	BOXLEY, VANETTA	Y
BETTY, PAUL	11/08/2015	MANCHESTER	BETTY, JOSEPH	ARPIN, PAULINE	N
LEFAVOR JR, ROBERT	11/11/2015	MANCHESTER	LEFAVOR SR, ROBERT	WHITE, FLORENCE	N
BENNER, ELIZABETH	11/20/2015	BEDFORD	HOLMES, JOSEPH	CROCKER, PAULINE	N
ANDERSON, THERESE	11/20/2015	BEDFORD	ETTER, JAKOB	MOSIMANN, FRIEDA	N
BOUCHARD, ELIZABETH	11/21/2015	BEDFORD	KITTREDGE, GERALD	MANSEAU, KATHERINE	N
DUFFY, RICHARD	11/23/2015	MANCHESTER	DUFFY, THOMAS	STANTON, JEAN	Y
BODINGTON, FREDERICK	12/03/2015	BEDFORD	BODINGTON, FREDERICK	GRATIX, ELLA	Y
KENDRIGAN, PAULINE	12/06/2015	MANCHESTER	DUCHARME, ROLAND	FOURNIER, LILLIAN	N
GATES, GLORIA	12/07/2015	BEDFORD	CHIOCCOLA, DOMENICK	VITALE, ANNA MARIE	N
SMITH, BETTY	12/07/2015	BEDFORD	KINKER, MANUEL	ESTEP, NANNIE	N
WATSON, REXFORD	12/08/2015	BEDFORD	WATSON, FRANKLIN	KNIGHT, CHARLOTTE	Y
LAFLEUR, ROGER	12/12/2015	MANCHESTER	LAFLEUR, WILFRED	PROVENCHER, AZILDA	Y
THUM, DENISE	12/24/2015	BEDFORD	THUM, WILLIAM	RAY, IRENE	N
KELLEY, JAMES	12/25/2015	BEDFORD	KELLEY, JAMES	BACHTA, GENEVIEVE	Y
JORDAN, PRESTON	12/27/2015	MANCHESTER	JORDAN, GILBERT	GRAY, HAZEL	N

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Decedent's Name
HOPKINS, LOISDeath Date
12/28/2015Death Place
MANCHESTERFather's/Parent's Name
RATKIEWICH, ALBERTMother's/Parent's Name Prior to
First Marriage/Civil Union
UNKNOWN, MARYMilitary
N

Total number of records 163





TOWN OF BEDFORD

2016 MUNICIPAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bedford Middle/High School on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1 through 3. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Articles 4, 5 and 6 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford Middle/High School (47 Nashua Road).

Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 2 Town Councilors for three-year terms, 1 Library Trustee for a three-year term, 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three-year term, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a six-year term, 1 Town Moderator for a two-year term.

Article 2. Zoning Amendments Proposed by the Planning Board

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-6 Definitions to include the definition for Alternative Treatment Center, to amend Article 275-21 Use Regulations, and to amend Article 275-61 Performance Zone permitted uses, summarized as follows:

To establish use categories and local criteria to further limit Alternative Treatment Centers in accordance with state law.

[This amendment is intended to create a new use category and local standards for Alternative Treatment Centers for the dispensing and cultivation of medical marijuana as permitted under state law. Without the proposed amendment, the facility would continue to be permitted in all non-residential zoning districts as required by state law. The complete text of the 3-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to delete Article 275-21C(2) in its entirety and to amend Article 275-21 to add a new subsection I, Accessory Attached Apartment, and to amend Article 275-21 Use Regulations and Table 2 - Table of Uses to list Accessory Apartment as a permitted use in the Residential Agricultural (R&A) District and General Residential (GR) District summarized as follows:

To remove the requirement for a Special Exception and allow Accessory Apartments by right in residential districts subject to the same standards that exist today.

[This amendment is intended to remove the Special Exception requirement for accessory apartments and permit accessory apartments in residential districts subject to the same standards that exist today. The complete text of the 1-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website]

*Amendment No. 3*

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-68A Definitions by deleting the words shown in the strikethrough and adding the words in bold below and to Amend Article 275-6 Definitions to add the same SIGN AREA definition.

SIGN AREA – The entire face including the surface and any molding, framing, and projections, but not including the base, wall or column supports. Individual letters and logos mounted on a building **without any distinguishing border, panel or background**, shall be measured by the area **of the smallest rectangle enclosed by four straight lines outlining enclosing each** all of the words, **symbols** and logos. **If the symbol or logo is irregularly shaped or taller than the text, the sign area shall be the area of the smallest rectangle enclosing the text plus the area of the smallest rectangle enclosing the logo or symbol.**

[This is a housekeeping amendment intended to clarify how sign area is measured.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-68 Attachment 6, Table 6, Table of Performance Zone Sign Standards, under *Maximum Number and Maximum Sign Area* and *Maximum Sign Height* as summarized as follows.

To amend the Performance Zone sign standards to allow first floor tenants with their own exterior public entrance a 32 square foot building sign and to allow upper story tenants or tenants without first floor public entrances to share up to four 32 square foot wall signs on a building and to remove the 12 foot height restriction on building signs.

[This amendment is intended to increase allowable sign area for multi-tenant buildings and to remove the 12-foot height limitation for building signs in the Performance Zone. The complete text of the 1-page amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website.]

Amendment No. 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-73, Signs, General Provisions, Subsection F and Article 275-74A(1) by deleting the words shown in the strikethrough and adding the words in bold below.

Advertising signs indicating the coming of a development and permanent subdivision identification signs shall not be allowed until final approval of the project by the Planning Board, ~~and the Planning Board may approve the signage specifications on an individual basis.~~

Allowable businesses, professions, or service enterprises, **and residential subdivisions or developments approved by the Planning Board**, shall be permitted one outdoor advertising sign on the premises, ~~advertising goods or services sold on the premises~~ This sign shall not total over eight square feet for said sign.

[This amendment removes the requirement for the Planning Board to approve temporary signs advertising the coming of a development or permanent subdivision identification signs.]

Amendment No. 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-73, Signs, General Provisions, by adding new subsection T, as listed below.



In all zones allowable sign area for a building sign may be split into two signs and may be located on the same or different walls as the initial sign.

[This amendment is intended to allow the permitted building sign area to be split between two signs.]

Amendment No. 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-22 Dimensional Regulations by adding new subsection D as listed below.

Accessory Structures shall comply with front, side and rear yard setbacks in accordance with Table 1 - Table of Dimensional Regulations: except within the General Residential (GR) District, one (1) accessory structure of 120 square feet or less, may have a minimum setback of 5 feet from the side or rear property line, provided the structure is not higher than twelve feet (12 feet).

[This amendment is intended to allow lots within the General Residential District to have one accessory structure that is 120 square feet or less to have a setback of 5 feet from the side or rear property line.]

Amendment No. 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Cluster Residential Development Article 275-34F(2)(a) Buffer Zone by deleting the words shown in strikethrough and adding the words in bold below.

All single detached dwellings, together with any accessory buildings, structures, driveways, and other man-made improvements, shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from the external boundary of a cluster residential development. The fifty-foot perimeter buffer shall be comprised of existing vegetation and shall be included in the square footage of each lot area. **The Planning Board may permit roads, driveways and utilities to cross through the buffer as needed to access lots within the development.**

[This is intended as a housekeeping amendment to clarify that roads, driveways and utilities may cross through the buffer to access lots within the cluster residential development.]

Amendment No. 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to delete Cluster Residential Development Article 275-32, Subsection D Bedroom Limitation in its entirety as shown in the strikethrough below:

~~Bedroom limitation. In the absence of municipal sewer system to service the cluster development, the number of bedrooms per unit shall be determined by the Soils and Steep Slope Regulations within the Bedford Subdivision Regulations.~~

[This is intended as a housekeeping amendment to correct an existing conflict within the ordinance which states that cluster residential development have no minimum lot size but must comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Subdivision and Individual Sewerage Disposal Systems Design rules.]

Amendment No. 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Cluster Residential Development, Article 275-34G(2) by adding the words in bold below.



The road frontage for individual building lots within clusters shall be negotiated between the Planning Board and the developer in the interest of encouraging flexibility in site design, **but road frontages on individual lots shall not be less than 25 feet.**

[This is intended to provide a minimum road frontage requirement for lots within cluster residential developments.]

Amendment No. 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 275-62A(1) Table 3, Table of Performance Dimensional Standards, to amend footnotes 7 & 8, and to amend Article 275-62, Dimensional Performance Standards, Subsection B(3)(d) summarized as follows:

To reduce the front setback for structures in the Performance Zone from 1:4 to 1:2 (building height to setback ratio), to create a maximum required side setback of 20 feet and to remove the 50-foot minimum front setback along South River Road and the 30-foot minimum setback along local roads.

Article 3. Charter Amendment Proposed by the Town Council

CURRENT CHARTER PROVISION

Article IV, Section C4-2 Qualifications of Town Manager

The Manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of educational, executive and administrative qualifications and need not be a resident of the Town or the state at the time of appointment. The Manager shall establish residence in the Town as soon as practicable in a period that shall not exceed eighteen (18) months from the time of appointment. During that period, the Manager shall reside within a reasonable response time. The Council may agree to partially or fully reimburse the Manager's reasonable costs in connection with establishing residence in the Town.

PROPOSED CHARTER PROVISION

Article IV, Section C4-2 Qualifications of Town Manager

The Manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of educational, executive and administrative qualifications. The manager shall devote full time to the office, and shall not hold any other elected or appointed public office, except as authorized by this Charter, and shall not engage in any other business or occupation unless approved by an affirmative vote of five councilors.

Purpose - Bedford is substantially disadvantaged in recruiting, hiring, compensating, and retaining Town Managers by the Charter's residency requirement. Municipalities that Bedford competes with in the labor market do not impose residency requirements. The Charter requirement dates back to the era before cell communication, smart phones, and widely available email and internet service, all of which greatly diminish the importance of a residency restriction. The proposed amendment will allow a newly hired Town Manager to maintain a residence in a municipality other than Bedford. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to enhance Bedford's recruitment, hire and retention of Town Managers based on qualifications and merit, and to avoid excessive compensation necessary to compete successfully with municipalities that do not require residency.

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.



Article 4. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Firefighters

In accordance with RSA 273-A:3, To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Council and the Bedford Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3639, IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC for calendar year 2016, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase
2016	\$70,353

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

NOTE: *This article does not raise additional appropriations in the 2016 budget. Adequate funding has been included in the recommended budget as a result of estimates made during the budget preparation process and based on the proposal assumptions made by management during the negotiation process.*

PURPOSE OF TOWN MEETING VOTE

In accordance with NH RSA 273-A, the financial terms of the agreement, referred to as ‘cost items’ in the RSA, must be submitted to the legislative body for approval.

The agreement reached between the Town and the Union is a one year agreement (2016).

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Previous Contract</i>	<i>Current Proposal</i>
WAGES	2.5% increase for 2012 and 2013 2.5% increase for 2014	2.5% increase 2016 for all but Lieutenant positions which will be at 1% for 2016
HEALTH INSURANCE	Employee pays 5% of HMO and 10% of Point of Service	No change in plans but protective language related to the Cadillac Tax has been added
OTHER INSURANCES	Dental, Life, STD/LTD	Same: Dental, Life, STD/LTD
Training	Hazmat Certification \$450	\$0 for Hazmat but \$450 added for Swift Water Rescue
LONGEVITY	\$100 for each completed year (ex. \$1,000 for 10 years of service)	No change in this benefit



Article 5. – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police

In accordance with RSA 273-A:3, To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost item included in the amendment to the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Council and the Bedford Police Union, State Employees' Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984, Chapter 64 for calendar year 2016, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase
2016	\$75,000

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

NOTE: *This article does not raise additional appropriations in the 2016 budget. Adequate funding has been included in the recommended budget as a result of estimates made during the budget preparation process and based on the proposal assumptions made by management during the negotiation process.*

PURPOSE OF TOWN MEETING VOTE:

In accordance with NH RSA 273-A, the financial terms of the agreement, referred to as 'cost items' in the RSA, must be submitted to the legislative body for approval.

The addendum to the current agreement, as permitted by the agreement effective January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017, reached between the Town and the Union is a one year modification (2016).

CONTRACT COST ITEMS:

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Current Contract Language</i>	<i>Amendment Proposed</i>
WAGES Section 10.2.1	3.5% increase for 2014 and 2015	2.5% increase for 2016 subject to the maximum. No other changes to Section 10.2
HEALTH INSURANCE Section 12.1	Employee pays 5% of HMO and 10% of Point of Service	No change in plans.

Article 6. - Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$26,350,309
Special Revenue Funds	158,000
Recreation Day Camp	85,000
Bedford Comm. TV	407,149
Sewer Fund	1,713,434
Total Appropriation	\$28,713,892

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of February 2016

James Scanlon, Chairman

Kelley Murphy, Vice Chairman



2016 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary

The estimated Town portion of the tax rate is **\$5.02 per \$1,000**. It reflects a **\$0.0** increase from 2015 to 2016.

Highlighted below are the more significant projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that differ from the prior year budget:

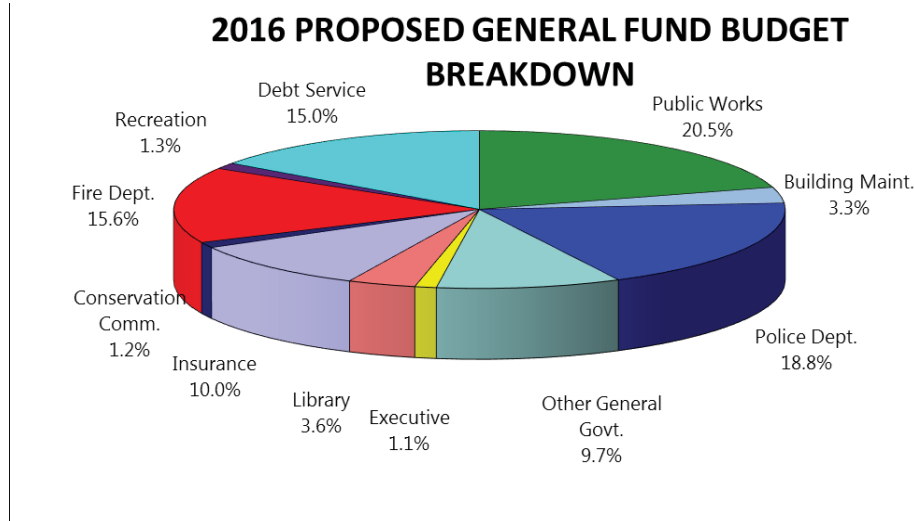
- The **Overall** budget for personnel costs includes an increase of a 2.5% pay increase for nonunion and union employees. Additionally, funding is provided for the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Council and the Bedford Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3639, IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC as well as the Bedford Police Union, State Employees' Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984, Chapter 64 for calendar year 2016. Further, the budget provides for 5 additional staff in various departments needed to provide effective service to the Town of Bedford. Those departments include Finance (1), Fire (3) and Police (1).

Also important to note, as documented on page 10, the 2016 proposed budget increases the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of \$4.4 million by a \$491k deposit and withdraws \$639k for 2016 projects.

- The **Information Technology** budget includes funding for appropriations that were moved in from other departments to accommodate centralized services. Specifically, phone and internet services have been consolidated under IT. A \$17,500 deposit to the capital reserve is budgeted for future infrastructure upgrades.
- The **Assessing** budget includes \$47,500 deposit to the capital reserve for revaluation work to begin in 2017.
- The **Legal** budget provides for general legal, assessing appeals and labor negotiations with the Fire and Police.
- The **Planning Department** budget includes a \$17,500 deposit to the capital reserve for a Town-wide master plan next scheduled for 2020 (work begins in 2018) and a \$4,500 deposit for an impact fee study for 2018.
- The **Building Maintenance** budget includes \$32k of reserve deposits for general repairs (\$5k), pool building (\$5k), library parking lot (\$15k) and library septic system (\$7k). This budget also includes an additional \$50k, offset by an Eversource grant, for the approved geothermal project at the library.
- The **Police Detectives** budget includes funding for an additional School Resource Officer that is partially offset with a COPs grant,
- The **Police Communications** budget includes \$45k in capital reserve deposits for the dispatch radio console and communications network.
- The **Police Patrol** budget includes full funding for the Patrol Sergeant position added in 2015 with 6 months of funding. This budget also includes a capital reserve deposit that provides for Mobile Radios (\$15k), Handgun Replacement (\$7.5k), and Taser Replacement (\$12.5k).
- The **Fire Operations** budget provides 6 months of funding for 3 additional firefighters, (\$104k) increase to overtime and \$357k for a fire truck that has \$307k offset with capital reserve funding. This budget also provides funding for the cost items of a one year contract for the fire fighters. Additionally, capital reserve deposits of \$17,600 and \$80k is budgeted for SCBA replacement and an ambulance reserve.



- The **Public Works Local Road Maintenance** budget includes \$1,000,000 for local road maintenance.
- The **Public Works Highway** budget includes \$271k for 3 vehicles offset by vehicle trade in and CIP funding of \$171k. This budget also includes \$109k for deposits to various capital reserve accounts (details on page 10).
- The **Public Works Winter Maintenance** budget includes an increase of approximately \$40k for additional expenses related to snow removal.
- The **Transfer Station** budget includes an increase of \$20k for a capital reserve deposit for replacement of the solid waste backhoe.
- The **Recreation** budget includes \$120k for a new splash pad which is funded by Recreation Impact Fees and has no tax impact. \$17,900 is also included to replace the pool pumps and repair the stage. These costs are offset in full with a capital reserve withdrawal.
- The **Library** budget provides for converting 2 part time employees to full time status. Additionally, at least 2 part time employees are newly eligible for health care under the Affordable Care Act.
- The **Conservation Commission** budget includes funds for the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. The amount available has increased by \$14,630 and has no impact on the tax rate as it is funded through a portion of the Current Use Tax charge.
- The **Debt Service** budget includes a \$935k increase attributed to the new \$9 million Road Bond issued in 2015. All General Fund debt service principal and interest payments of the general fund including Safety Complex, Local Road Maintenance, Infrastructure, Landfill Closure and the Library are reflected in this line (details on the bottom of page 9).



The budget also includes \$500k of **Unassigned Fund Balance** to reduce the amount needing to be raised by Taxes. There are additional projected revenue increases in the Tax Collector's **Motor Vehicle Registration** (\$195k), along with Fire's **Ambulance Income and Building Inspections** (\$105k) that further help to reduce the amount to be raised by Taxes.



2016 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary – continued

Tax Effect of Budget Increases/(Decreases):				
<i>Based on Assessed Value of \$3,250,015,614</i>				
\$ Change to Budget	\$ Tax Impact	Additional \$ Cost to Taxpayer with:		
		\$300k	\$400k	\$500k
25,000	0.008	2.31	3.08	3.85
50,000	0.015	4.62	6.15	7.69
75,000	0.023	6.92	9.23	11.54
100,000	0.031	9.23	12.31	15.38
250,000	0.077	23.08	30.77	38.46
500,000	0.154	46.15	61.54	76.92
750,000	0.231	69.23	92.31	115.38
1,000,000	0.308	92.31	123.08	153.85

BREAKDOWN OF YOUR TAX DOLLAR



Municipal – 22%
Portion of your tax dollar being decided upon at Town Meeting.

Total School – 72%

County – 6%

Municipal– 22%



**TOWN OF BEDFORD
2016 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

DEPARTMENTS :			2015 ADOPTED	2016 MANAGER	2016 TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN COUNCIL			15,827	15,829	15,829
TOWN MANAGER			308,806	257,937	257,937
VOTER REGISTRATION			7,637	20,528	20,528
ELECTIONS			7,088	29,398	22,453
TOWN CLERK			99,511	110,734	96,309
INFORMATION SYSTEMS			494,679	551,693	541,293
CEMETERIES			28,200	31,100	29,300
LEGAL			132,000	132,000	132,000
NHMA			21,160	22,286	22,286
UNALLOCATED RESERVE			50,000	25,000	25,000
TAX COLLECTOR			159,986	157,718	157,718
FINANCE & PERSONNEL			385,688	498,853	498,853
ASSESSING			320,285	310,699	310,699
INSURANCE			2,485,730	2,617,988	2,618,306
PLANNING BOARD			19,400	19,401	15,901
ZONING BOARD			5,565	5,565	5,027
HISTORIC DISTRICT			1,141	1,141	622
PLANNING DEPARTMENT			338,081	342,994	339,994
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING			13,663	13,750	13,750
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX			22,737	32,795	15,337
BUILDING MAINTENANCE			1,534,939	1,236,588	854,379
TOWN HALL			1,000	-	-
SPECIAL DETAIL			-	315,727	315,727
POLICE					
ADMINISTRATION			801,440	727,256	802,256
COMMUNICATIONS			727,195	746,498	746,498
PATROL			2,591,181	2,611,669	2,611,669
DETECTIVES			744,445	794,335	794,335
ANIMAL CONTROL			49,802	51,795	51,795
SUBTOTAL POLICE			4,914,063	4,931,553	5,006,553
FIRE					
ADMINISTRATION			537,569	248,638	285,001
OPERATIONS			2,970,718	3,368,287	3,318,664
INSPECTION			162,702	171,249	170,049
HEALTH INSPECTOR			26,141	27,266	27,266
FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS			288,000	289,172	289,172
SUBTOTAL FIRE			3,985,130	4,104,612	4,090,152



**TOWN OF BEDFORD
2016 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS**

DEPARTMENTS :			2015 ADOPTED	2016 MANAGER	2016 TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS					
ADMINISTRATION			432,065	439,749	439,749
LOCAL ROAD MNTC			1,000,000	1,290,000	1,000,000
HIGHWAY			1,791,866	2,032,090	2,020,090
WINTER MNTC			538,420	578,567	578,567
TRAFFIC CONTROL			94,500	89,500	89,500
TRANSFER STATION			986,942	988,317	988,317
RECREATION FIELD MNTC			234,200	261,700	261,700
SUBTOTAL PUBLIC WORKS			5,077,993	5,679,923	5,377,923
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			15,000	15,000	15,000
RECREATION					
ADMINISTRATION			102,708	102,039	102,039
PROGRAMS			36,000	36,500	36,500
POOL			66,809	76,901	196,901
SUBTOTAL RECREATION			205,517	215,440	335,440
TOWN EVENTS			4,000	4,000	4,000
BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY			912,879	963,993	942,173
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			375,166	304,019	318,411
TOTAL GF BEFORE LONG TERM DEBT			21,942,871	22,968,264	22,398,900
LONG TERM DEBT					
LIBRARY BOND			116,119	112,063	112,063
LANDFILL CLOSURE			108,600	106,600	106,600
2006 ROAD BOND			1,296,000	1,248,000	1,248,000
2011 INFRASTRUCTURE BOND			1,496,094	741,164	740,644
2013 INFRASTRUCTURE BOND				724,500	724,500
2015 INFRASTRUCTURE				1,019,602	1,019,602
SUBTOTAL LONG TERM DEBT			3,016,813	3,951,929	3,951,409
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			24,959,684	26,920,193	26,350,309
ENTERPRISE AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:					
POLICE DETAIL 21 ---MOVED TO GF 2016			402,725	-	-
DAY CAMP 22			95,225	85,000	85,000
SPECIAL REVENUE			38,000	158,000	158,000
BEDFORD COMMUNITY TV 27			561,075	407,149	407,149
SEWER 81			1,247,872	1,709,778	1,713,434
TOTAL ALL FUNDS			27,304,581	29,280,120	28,713,892



**TOWN OF BEDFORD
2016 PROPOSED REVENUES**

DEPARTMENT		2015 APPROVED BUDGET	2016 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2016 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL		-	-	-
TOWN MANAGER		(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION		-	-	-
TAX COLLECTOR		(4,912,200)	(5,091,950)	(5,091,950)
	Property Taxes	(15,570,168)	(16,469,949)	(16,218,565)
TOWN CLERK		(42,250)	(44,250)	(28,750)
FINANCE/PERSONNEL		(1,176,918)	(1,306,616)	(1,218,616)
INFORMATION SYSTEMS		-	(24,000)	(24,000)
ASSESSING		-	-	-
PLANNING BOARD		(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
ZONING BOARD		(7,000)	(7,000)	(7,000)
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION		(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
PLANNING		(84,764)	-	-
TOWN HALL		(2,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		(24,000)	(24,000)	(24,000)
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX		(110,760)	(95,000)	(95,000)
CEMETERIES		(7,500)	(5,000)	(10,000)
POLICE SPECIAL DETAIL			(339,984)	(339,984)
POLICE				
	Administration	(256,250)	(252,133)	(252,133)
	Patrol	(89,092)	(94,430)	(94,430)
Subtotal Police		\$ (345,342)	\$ (346,563)	\$ (346,563)
FIRE				
	Administration	(953,787)	(1,024,003)	(1,074,003)
	Operations	-	-	-
	Building/Health Inspection	(192,300)	(240,300)	(240,300)
Subtotal Fire		\$ (1,146,087)	\$ (1,264,303)	\$ (1,314,303)
PUBLIC WORKS				
	Administration	(931,524)	(975,986)	(585,986)
	Highway	-	(313,500)	(313,500)
	Transfer Station	(133,980)	(124,500)	(124,500)
Subtotal Public Works		\$ (1,065,504)	\$ (1,413,986)	\$ (1,023,986)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		-	-	-
RECREATION				
	Administration	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
	Programs	(22,000)	(22,000)	(22,000)
	Fields	(51,500)	(60,500)	(60,500)
	Pool	(43,500)	(55,900)	(175,900)
Subtotal Recreation		\$ (132,000)	\$ (153,400)	\$ (273,400)
LIBRARY		-	(1)	(1)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		(300,691)	(300,691)	(300,691)
TOTAL 2015 GENERAL FUND REVENUES		\$ (24,959,684)	\$ (26,920,193)	\$ (26,350,309)
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
	Police Special Detail	(402,725)	-	-
	Recreation Day Camp	(95,225)	(85,000)	(85,000)
	Bedford Community Television	(561,075)	(407,149)	(407,149)
	Sewer Fund	(1,247,872)	(1,709,778)	(1,713,434)
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND				
	Other Special Revenue Funds	(38,000)	(158,000)	(158,000)
TOTAL 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES		\$ (27,304,581)	\$ (29,280,120)	\$ (28,713,892)



TOWN OF BEDFORD				
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				
ANTICIPATED ACTIVITY FOR 2016 - TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDED				
	Est. 2015	2016	2016	Est. 2016
Reserve Account	Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Conservation Commission	\$ 315,322	\$ -		\$ 315,322
Town Office Restoration	\$ 75,100	\$ 5,000		\$ 80,100
Land Reserve	\$ 38,210	\$ -		\$ 38,210
Commercial Reassessment	\$ 90,083	\$ 47,500		\$ 137,583
MS Open Licensing	\$ 24,069	\$ -	\$ (24,000)	\$ 69
Document Imaging	\$ 40,125	\$ -		\$ 40,125
IT Infrastructure Upgrade	\$ -	\$ 17,500		\$ 17,500
Police Radio Console Reserve	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Safety Complex	\$ 36,480	\$ 5,000		\$ 41,480
Safety Complex Security Upgrades	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Safety Complex Generator	\$ -	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
Police Portable Radios	\$ 30,028	\$ 15,000		\$ 45,028
Police Communications Network	\$ 30,028	\$ 15,000		\$ 45,028
Police Communications Infrastructure	\$ 60,055	\$ 30,000		\$ 90,055
Police Weapon Replacement	\$ 15,014	\$ 7,500		\$ 22,514
Police Taser Replacement	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500		\$ 25,000
Fire - Ambulance Replacement	\$ 121,037	\$ 80,000		\$ 201,037
Fire - SCBA/Equipment Rplc	\$ 60,390	\$ 17,600		\$ 77,990
Fire Engine Replacement	\$ 308,142	\$ -	\$ (307,000)	\$ 1,142
Fire Tanker	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Fire - Ladder Truck Replacement	\$ 376,235	\$ -		\$ 376,235
Rec - Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 15,135	\$ -		\$ 15,135
Rec - Trail Design	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Rec - Field Development & Repairs	\$ 69,153	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 94,153
Rec- Pool Building/Equip	\$ 41,436	\$ 5,000	\$ (17,900)	\$ 28,536
Rec - Heavy Equipment	\$ 113,017	\$ -	\$ (59,000)	\$ 54,017
Rec- Jacobsen Mower	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rec- Kubota (heavy duty)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Roof Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Parking Lot	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Library Septic System	\$ 46,598	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 53,598
Library Carpet Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Parking Lot Construction	\$ 60,246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,246
Library Boiler Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Planning - Master Plan	\$ 123,580	\$ 17,500	\$ -	\$ 141,080
Planning - Route 3 Improvements	\$ 10,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,643
Planning - Impact Fee Update	\$ 12,011	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 16,511
PW - Solid Waste Backhoe	\$ 77,575	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 97,575
PW - Transfer Station Improvements	\$ 436,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 436,756
PW - Transfer Station Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PW - Traffic Signal Improvements	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
PW - Pick Up Truck Reserve	\$ 40,309	\$ -	\$ (10,000)	\$ 30,309
PW - One-Ton Trucks	\$ 91,653	\$ -	\$ (11,000)	\$ 80,653
PW - Six Wheel Dump	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ (75,000)	\$ -
PW - Ten Wheel Dump Truck	\$ 55,055	\$ 26,000		\$ 81,055
PW - All Purpose Tractor	\$ 32,532	\$ 15,000		\$ 47,532
PW - Front End Loader Replacement	\$ 171,273	\$ -	\$ (135,000)	\$ 36,273
PW - Loader/Backhoe Replacement	\$ 65,172	\$ 18,750	\$ -	\$ 83,922
PW - Sweeper Replacement	\$ 25,387	\$ 22,500	\$ -	\$ 47,887
PW - Roadside Mower	\$ 15,177	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 35,177
PW - Compressor Replacement	\$ 52,137	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 57,137
PW - Chipper	\$ 30,936	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 32,936
PW - Grader	\$ 244,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244,434
Sidewalk/Pedestrian Reserve	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26
Building Addition	\$ 39,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,140
System Improvements - Sewer	\$ 641,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 641,691
Wastewater Capacity Reserve - Sewer	\$ 221,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 221,256
BCTV Digital to HD	\$ 143	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,143
Total Town Capital Reserves	\$ 4,445,291	\$ 490,850	\$ (638,900)	\$ 4,297,241



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